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TRAMWAY MEETING.

UNFAIR COMPETITION ALLEGED.

STRONG CRITICISM OF HOTEL COMPANY.

"DISTINCT INJUSTICE."

Strong complaint at what was characterised as an attack on the most remunerative section of the tramway service was voiced at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., held this morning.

The Chairman referred to unsuccessful applications which the Company had made to the Government for permission to run a motor bus service along the Queen's Road route, and subsequently spoke of the "unfair and unnecessary" competition which it now has to contend with.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson, who also spoke, said he saw no more justification for the Hotel Company operating buses in open and deliberate competition with the Tramway Company than in the latter Company building a hotel and competing with the Hotel Company.

He suggested that the two Companies put their heads together and see if matters could not be straightened out, as a distinct injustice appeared to have been done to the Tramway Company.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FIGURES.

The Chairman, Mr. B. D. F. Beith, began his speech by saying that although the traffic receipts for the year again constituted a record, this was due to the remarkably good traffic receipts during the first eight months of the year. The receipts for the last quarter of the year were less satisfactory than in the same quarter last year, he continued:

There have been various influences that have contributed to the decline in the traffic receipts during the last three or four months of the year. I refer chiefly to—

1.—Fewer people in the Colony. The decline in the sale of our military tickets alone is 160,000, i.e., a drop of 25 per cent as compared with 1927.

2.—The Ming Yuen Gardens which used to attract a large number of people has been more or less closed throughout the year. Similarly, the Lee Gardens, which brought in considerable revenue in 1927 and the early part of 1928, has been comparatively moribund during the last six months.

3.—The enormous increase in the number of public hire cars at very low rates. It is a common sight especially on football days to see five or six people going to or returning from Happy Valley in a public motor car.

4.—The loss of traffic consequent upon the closing of the two Sugar Refineries for a considerable period of the year, and

5.—Motor bus competition.

Should these adverse factors continue, shareholders will realize that the tramway receipts in respect of the present year will be less than during the year under review.

Hotel Bus Service.

On October 15th last year, a motor bus service was commenced by the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., between Causeway Bay and Whitty Street via Queen's Road. This was subsequently extended at either end to Tai Hang village and Kennedy Town respectively. As shareholders are aware, this route—due to the topography and general configuration of our Island Colony—has the advantage of being the natural east to west artery and is a shorter and straighter thoroughfare than that followed by the tram track.

The length of route over which this tram and bus competition extends is about 4½ miles and it is therefore not surprising that our first-class receipts have declined during the last few months.

Shareholders will, I feel sure, want to know why this important and advantageous route, which may be termed the "Queen's Road concession," was not granted to this Company.

Applications Made.

In reply to that, I can only say that we applied to the Government four years ago for authority

STRIKING FACTS ON ARMIES.

BRITAIN ONLY NATION SPENDING LESS.

COMPARISON BY SIR LAMING WORTHINGTON-EVANS.

MODERNISING TROOPS.

London, Feb. 28.

An interesting comparison between British military expenditure and that of other countries was made by Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, the Secretary of State for War, when he introduced the Army Estimates totalling £10,545,000, in the House of Commons. The sum represents a decrease of £505,000 on the figures for last year.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans declared that Britain alone among the nations of the world had curtailed military expenditure. He also referred at considerable length to the mechanisation of the Army, saying that enormous strides had been made. He anticipated even greater progress owing to the sure foundations already laid.

Our Reduction.

Comparing British expenditure with that of other countries, the Secretary for War said that the reduction in effective vote in the life-time of the present Conservative Government was eleven per cent. It had diminished from over £36,000,000 to £32,000,000.

During the same period, the United States had increased comparative expenditure from £51,000,000 in 1925/6 to £59,000,000 sterling in 1928/9. Italy had increased her expenditure from about eighteen millions sterling to twenty-eight millions sterling and Germany had increased hers from about twenty millions to twenty-five millions for the same years in each case.

France had increased her expenditure from £34,000,000 in 1925 to about £58,000,000 in 1929.

The Soviet Costs.

The Soviet Socialist Government of Russia had more than doubled their expenditure but its military budget included the Navy and Air Force and he could not therefore make a close comparison.

Belgium, Switzerland and Japan all showed some increase and we were the only nation which had continually reduced its expenditure on its army.

Cavalry To Go.

Referring to mechanisation the minister said that now each cavalry regiment had a mechanised machine-gun squadron. In addition, all cavalry regiments were being converted into armoured car regiments and some twenty-two six-wheeled armoured cars of the latest pattern had been purchased as part of the equipment of one regiment.

In Infantry, there was an increased number of machine guns so that each battalion had one company of sixteen guns of which twelve were manned in peace.

Enormous Strides.

In three battalions, those companies had mechanised transport and he hoped to be able to equip three more this year.

This year also they were commencing the mechanisation of the light artillery. Two brigades of field artillery had been equipped with radio telephony and four more would be so equipped this year.

In the Royal Tank Corps a modern type of tank had replaced the old war-time tank. Enormous strides had been made in the modernisation of the Army during the lifetime of the present government.

Shafrazi Cost.

Speaking of the Supplementary Estimate of £115,000 for the extra cost of the troops acting as the Shanghai Defence Force, Mr. Duff-Cooper, the Under-Secretary, said the health of the troops had considerably improved, but it was not entirely satisfactory.

Shanghai was not an ideal place for the stationing of troops. The Government had considerably reduced their number and might

MORE STARTLING DISCLOSURES.

TEXT OF FRANCO-BELGIAN "MINUTES" OUT.

"DAGBLAD" PERSISTS.

Amsterdam, Feb. 28.

The latest development concerning the alleged secret military alliance between France and Belgium adds to the sensation already caused.

The Utrecht *Dagblad*, which caused the flutter in political circles, to-day publishes the text of the minutes of an alleged Franco-Belgian military conference held in Brussels between September 7th and September 12th, 1928.

The minutes are dated September 20th, 1927, and arranged by General Dubucy, representing France, and General Galt, representing Belgium.

They conclude: "Several and approved by the Ministry of National Defence C. H. de Brocquioville," and are certified as agreed by Colonel Michem.

The minutes purport to be "interpretations" by the General Staffs of the two countries of the Military Convention of 1920, and the most significant feature of the alleged text is the assumption of the co-operation of British troops "permitting serious diversion of the Dutch at Limburg."

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GOVERNMENT AND THE HSIN WAH DISASTER.

TOBACCO TAXES.

Five new Bills were introduced at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, including one relating to changing the system of taxation on tobacco.

His Excellency the Governor presided over the meeting and there were also present:

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.).

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Soutern, C.M.G.).

The Attorney General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, C.B.E.).

The Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E.).

The Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.).

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North).

The Harbour Master (Hon. Commander G. F. Hole).

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services (Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington).

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.

Hon. Sir Shouison Chow.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.

Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'oo, LL.D.

Mr. E. R. Wynne-Jones, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services (Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington) took the oath of allegiance on taking his seat as member of the Council.

The Hsin Wah Disaster.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked:

What action does the Government intend to take in connexion with the recommendations of the Coroner's Jury at the Hsin Wah Inquiry?

The Colonial Secretary.—

1. The present system of communications, by telephone, telegraph and wireless telegraphy with Waglan and other similar stations is under examination with a view to the more rapid and accurate transmission of messages.

2. So far as can be ascertained no other ships keeping W/T watch were in the immediate vicinity of the Hsin Wah at the time of the disaster, so that on this occasion broadcasting would have served no useful purpose. Government, however, agreed that in other cases broadcasting might be of great assistance to ships in distress and steps are being taken to ensure that news received of disasters, other than that broadcast by other shore stations or ships, will be broadcast in the future.

3. The Harbour Master has full authority to deal directly and promptly in such cases. On this occasion prompt action was taken in that as soon as the message was received stating that the Hsin Wah was aground, arrangements were made immediately to send out the tug Taikoo to the ship's assistance.

4. Police launches are built specially for Police work and it is not considered expedient to alter their design to that of deep sea craft. The Officers in charge of these launches are competent in the handling of their launches.

5. It would be possible to keep the Rescue Tug Kauing continuously under steam at half an hour's notice but this would incur an additional expense of approximately \$30,000 annually.

The Hsin Wah, carrying W/T but not in working order, grounded on a clear night on an island on which there was a First Order Light burning brightly. A repetition of this disaster is so improbable that it is not considered that this extra recurrent expenditure would be justified.

STAMP DUTIES.

Mr. Braga's Questions on Revenue Statistics.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga asked:

What is the present system of taxation on tobacco in the Colony?

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the taxation of tobacco.

He said: The present system of taxation of tobacco is a system by which the manufactured article is taxed. That involves a scale of duties varying with the value of the particular kind of manufactured tobacco in question, and as

will the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer state, under separate heads, the amount of revenue collected by the Treasury on account of stamp duties in connexion with share transactions in respect of:

(i) Sharebrokers' memos. for cash transactions.

(ii) Sharebrokers' contract notes for forward transactions.

(iii) Instrument of Transfer for the following periods, viz.:

(1) the year 1924.

(2) first and second half, respectively, of the year 1925.

(3) the year 1926.

(4) the year 1927.

(5) the year 1928, and separately for each month, from January to April inclusive, of last year.

(6) January, 1929.

The Colonial Treasurer replied: Separate answers cannot be given to 1 and 2. No answer can be given to 3 as no separate record in respect of this item is kept. For 1 and 2 combined the figures are:

(a) \$160,802.

(b) \$32,732, and \$5,876.

(c) \$15,923.

(d) \$12,140.

(e) \$27,510.

January \$4,050.

February \$2,880.

March \$4,553.

April \$2,050.

(f) \$1,670.

NEW BILLS READ.

Five Ordinances introduced and explained.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Supreme Court Ordinance, 1873. He said: At present, the power to appoint temporarily a judge of the Supreme Court, is confined to three cases: (1), when the office of judge has become vacant; (2), in case of the illness or absence of the judge, and (3) for the purposes of the Appeal Court held under the Full Court Ordinance, 1912. The object of this Bill is to give you, Sir, power to appoint temporarily a judge in any case in which you may think it desirable. It may, for example, be desirable to appoint a judge temporarily to deal with some special accumulation of work and congestion of litigation, or it may be desirable to appoint a judge temporarily to relieve another permanent judge for some non-judicial work on which he may be engaged for the time being. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891. He said: The object of this Bill is to provide that upon a bankrupt coming up for his discharge, the Court shall take into consideration the report by the Official Receiver on the bankrupt's conduct and affairs, including his conduct in the course of the bankruptcy proceedings. The Bill also provides that the Official Receiver's report shall be prima facie evidence of the statements contained therein.

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The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Unclaimed Balances.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law with respect to certain unclaimed balances and certain other unclaimed sums. He said: Certain defects have been discovered in the present Unclaimed Balances Ordinance, 1885.

They are matters of technical detail and they are fully explained in the Objects and Reasons, and I do not think that I need go into them more fully, at least at this stage. The Bill re-enacts the main provisions of the present Ordinance, with additions to meet the defects which have been discovered in it. There is one point, perhaps, to which I ought to draw attention, and that is, this, the object of the Bill generally, and of the present Ordinance, is to provide for the transfer to the general revenue of the Colony all sums which remain unclaimed in the hands of officers of the Government, but as it is possible that the claimants—persons who could have claimed these sums—may appear even after the transfer to the revenue of the Colony, provision is made in two ways by which they can still pursue their claims. In the first place, they are given the right to apply to the Courts by petition; they are also given the right to apply to the Governor in Council on any moral ground. The present Ordinance which gives these two rights contains no limitation whatever of the legal right, and it has been thought desirable to provide that claimants to any sum which are transferred to revenue shall be barred after such time and in such conditions as they would be barred if they were pursuing a subject and not the Crown. That provision is taken from the Eng-

a result, there are four different classes of cigars, four classes of pipe tobacco, all bearing different duties. That system also involves provisions for the manufacture of tobacco in bond. The object of this Bill is to change the system of taxation altogether and to tax tobacco at the source; in other words, to tax tobacco as it comes into the Colony, whether in raw form or manufactured form. There are various reasons for altering the system of taxation. One is that the system which the Bill will introduce is the one followed in Great Britain. Another is, it has been found very difficult, in fact almost impossible, to control the large number of very small factories where tobacco is manufactured. Nothing but constant and very meticulous supervision would enable a proper control to be kept of these factories and the collection of the proper duty. Then again, it is found very difficult to assign any particular kind of manufactured tobacco, whether cigarette or cigar or some other kind, to its proper class in the scale of taxation. Sometimes it is very difficult to say on which side of the line any particular brand falls. Then again, another difficulty which has given rise to a good deal of misunderstanding in the Colony is the difficulty of the cigarette sold deliberately at a low price, and very often at a loss, in order to kill competition or to establish a new brand. The Government are not concerned in any way with preventing such a practice or interfering in any way with competition of that kind. Some people seem to have imagined that the Government by this Bill were endeavouring to check that practice, but that is no concern of the Government. The Government, however, is concerned from the revenue point of view that practice if the present system of taxation continues. Tobacco, of course, ought to pay duty according to its grade. Where the scale of duty depends on the value of the tobacco, more valuable tobacco ought to pay a higher tax and less valuable tobacco ought to pay a lower tax. When, however, the dealer sells a more valuable tobacco at a lower price he pays duty at a lower rate, and consequently the revenue suffers. Again, the charging of a lower price for higher value tobacco at short notice or no notice at all, affects appreciably the estimates of tobacco revenue, and it is difficult sometimes to estimate what the revenue will be if the duty is liable to variation at the will of manufacturers who deliberately, and no doubt quite properly, under-sell their goods for their own special reasons.

The new duties are contained in clause 7 of the Bill. It is no part of the policy of the Bill to increase the duties on tobacco, though, of course, inevitably there will be individual variations in the incidence of the tax. It will be seen that raw tobacco will be charged at the same rate throughout; it varies according to the amount of moisture in the tobacco and according to whether the tobacco is stripped or unstripped, but practically speaking there is one flat rate for all raw tobacco.

In the case of manufactured tobacco, all cigars will be at the same rate, all cigarettes at the same rate, and all other manufactured tobacco at the same rate, the same rate being \$1.50 per pound for cigars, 75 cents for cigarettes and 75 cents for other manufactured tobacco. The same clause—clause 7—provides for the temporary problem of tobacco which is already in the Colony and which will now have to pay duty immediately. Under the old system that tobacco, of course, would not pay duty until it was manufactured and taken out of the manufacturer's bonded premises, but that tobacco will now, under the new system, have to pay duty immediately. The method that has been adopted in this Bill to ascertain the duty is to give the Superintendent authority to estimate the amount of tobacco on the manufacturer's premises, to

classify it as manufactured or unmanufactured. In the case of unmanufactured tobacco he will also estimate the weight of unmanufactured tobacco from which the manufactured tobacco was produced, and the duty is payable on the weight so estimated. No doubt he will arrive at this estimate in consultation with the persons who will pay the duty, and though perhaps the provisions seem a little arbitrary, I think they are the only possible ones in the circumstances. I do not think in practice there will be found any cause for complaint.

The alteration of the system of taxation to taxation on entering the Colony, involves, of course, the provision of rebates or drawbacks on exportation. The Bill contains provisions to enable drawbacks to be paid, and regulations have already been made under the Bill for this purpose.

The Bill was brought into force on the evening of the 18th of February by an order by Sir, made under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, 1927. That

Ordinance was passed to enable alterations of taxation to be made quickly and without undue publicity, because it is obvious that when a tax is altered it is possible sometimes for persons, if they have notice, to avoid the new tax by clearances from bond, and otherwise. That Ordinance recognises the desirability of making changes in the revenue quickly and secretly. Of course, that order will cease to be effective when this Bill becomes law, and the same provisions that are now in force under your order will then be enforced under this Bill as an Ordinance.

The Bill contains other provisions which I think are all consequential to the main objects of the Bill and other minor points. I beg to move the first reading.

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In the first place, they are given the right to apply to the Courts by petition; they are also given the right to apply to the Governor in Council on any moral ground. The present Ordinance which gives these two rights contains no limitation whatever of the legal right, and it has been thought desirable to provide that claimants to any sum which are transferred to revenue shall be barred after such time and in such conditions as they would be barred if they were pursuing a subject and not the Crown. That provision is taken from the Eng-

lish Estates Estates Act, which provides that in the case of balances in the hands of the Crown, claims by subjects are barred after such time and in such conditions as they would be barred if they were pursuing a subject and not the Crown. It seems to be a reasonable limitation and it has been inserted in this Bill. There is similar limitation of right to petition the Governor in Council on moral grounds. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.



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Group taken at a reception given by the President, Dr. Arthur Woo, M.B., B.S., and the Executive Committee of the China Medical Association in the Lounge of the Foreign F. M. C. A. recently. The delegates to this, the 19th Biennial Conference, and guests were served with refreshments and addresses were delivered.



Taken during annual ride from Park to Chaius.



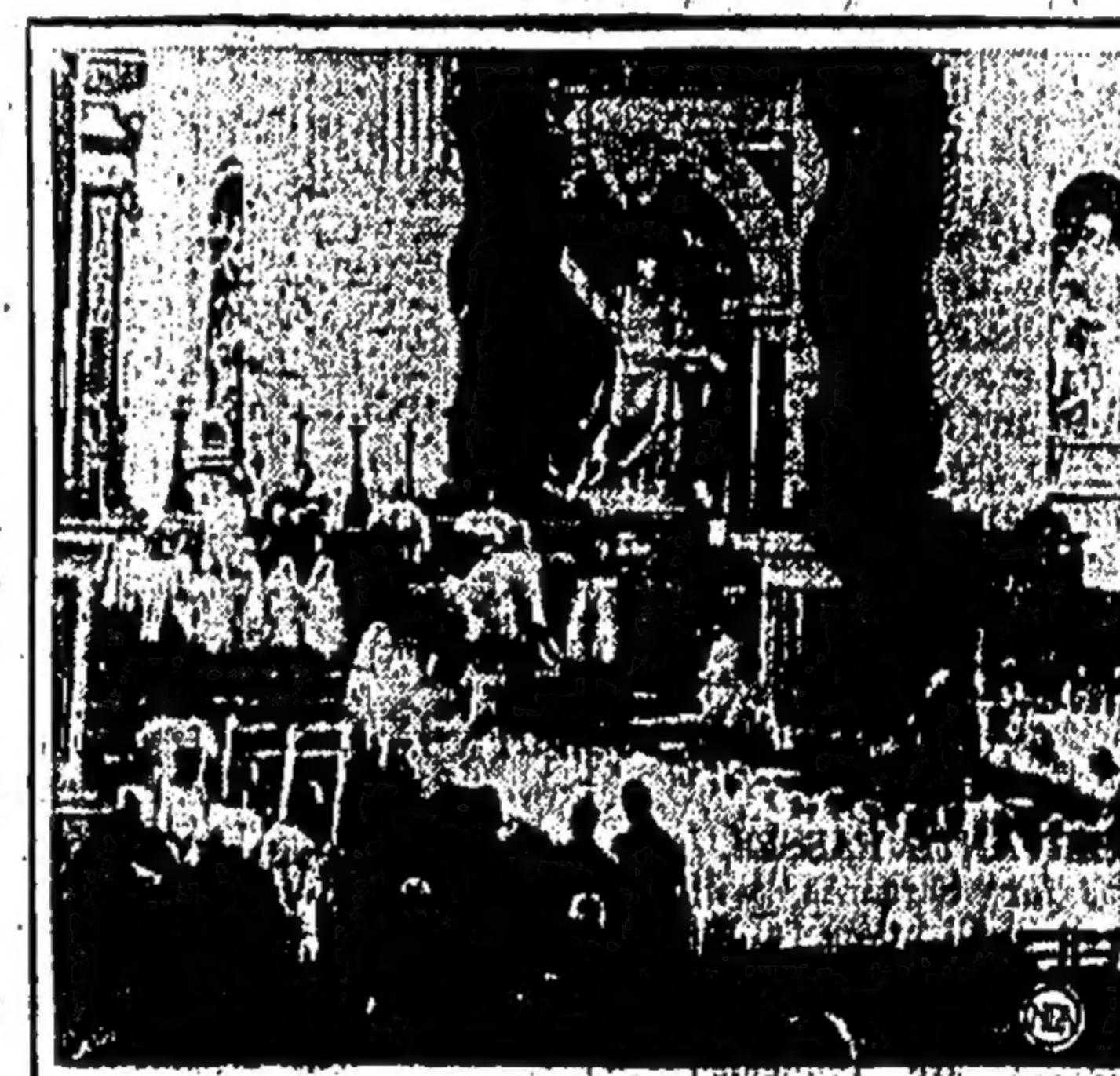
Flashlight taken during a dinner given at the China United Assurance Company's restaurant by the National Anti-Opium Association in honour of M. J. Aveno, Assistant Secretary-General to the League of Nations.



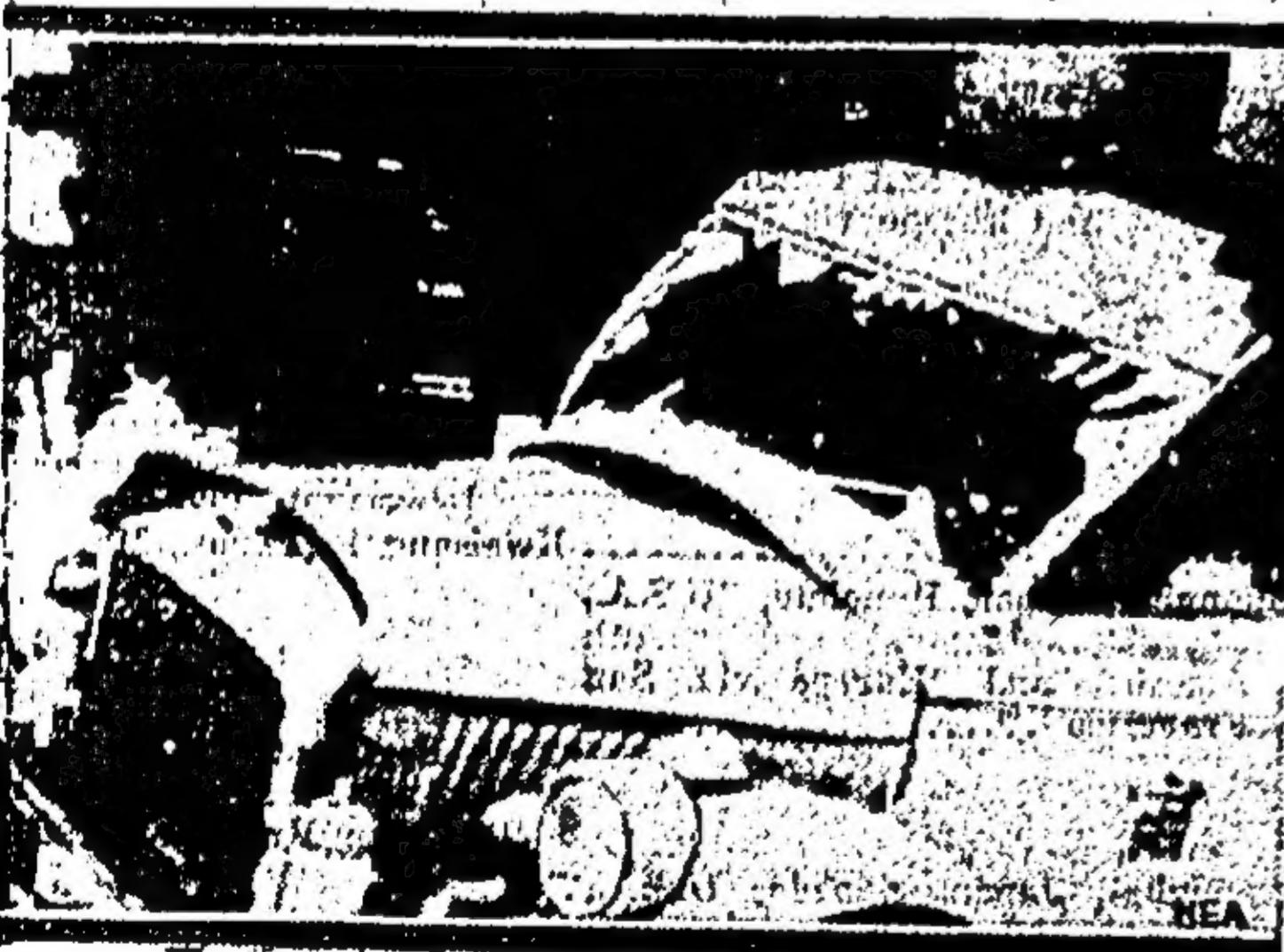
Prof. Lindgren (top) and Prof. Sedöholm, scientists recently awarded the Penrose Medal.



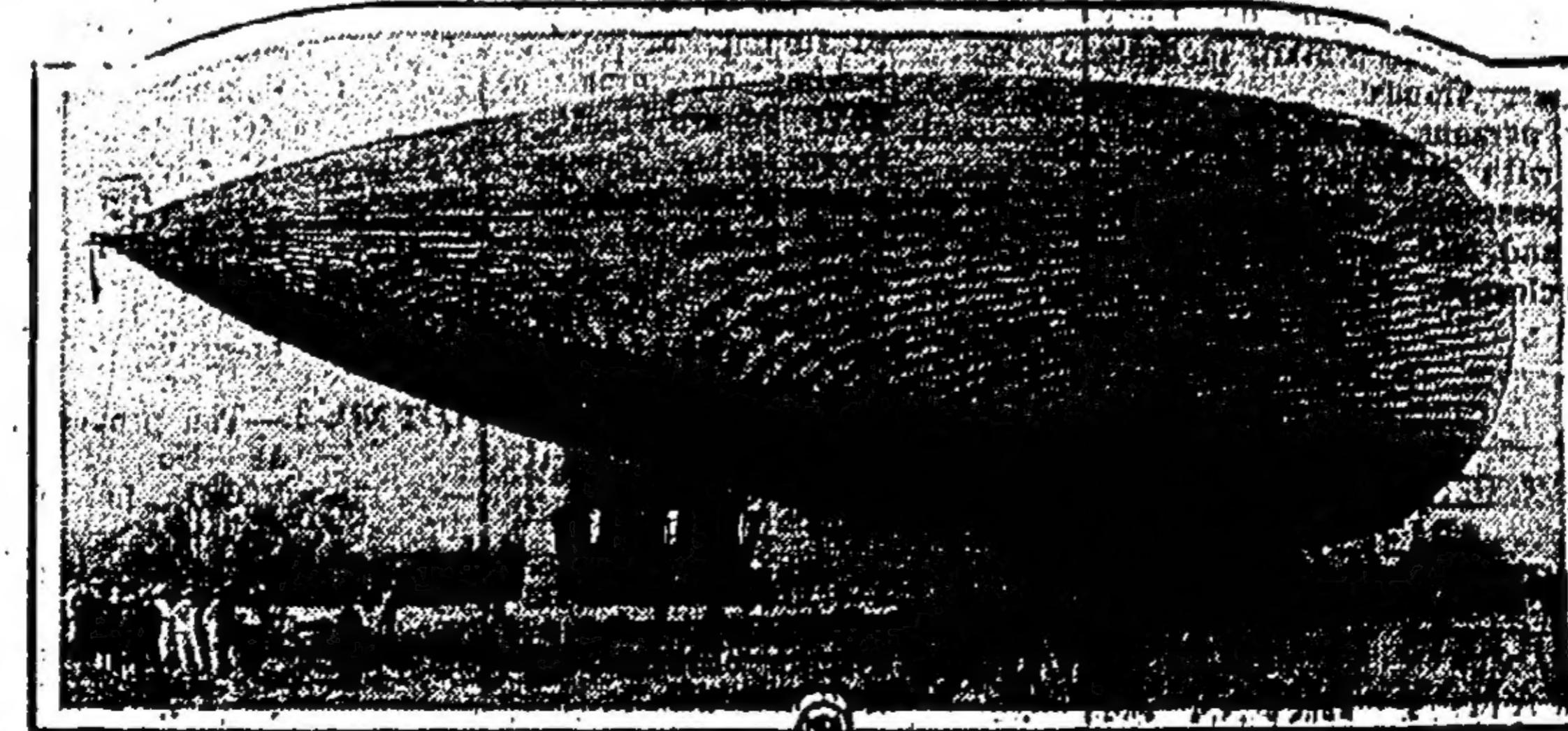
Telephoto picture of the collision between tram and motor-bus in Bellevue recently. The tram cut clean through the bus.



The jubilation mass at St. Peter's when Pope Pius XI observed his fiftieth anniversary as a cleric.



The driver was catapulted through the windscreen in the bus disaster reported by Reuter.



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"The Three Grey Sisters" as performed by Shanghai school-children.



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LOST.—A small Brooch, Frog Shape, between Carlton, Hongkong, and Peninsula Hotels. Of Sentimental value only. REWARD will be given if returned to Carlton Hotel, Hongkong.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The RAFFLE for the ESSEX, 5-seater car was won by ticket No. 5.

RED ROSE.—The ideal BARBER & BEAUTY SHOP in the Colony, 10, Des Voeux Road C, 1st floor, (above Bank of East Asia); opposite King Edward Hotel. Working hours: 8 a.m.—8 p.m. Sundays as usual.

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FOR SALE.—PEARLS at Messrs. KOMOR & KOMOR, Mr. Kodaka returned from the South and will remain in Hongkong for one week to take orders for Pearls.

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TO LET.—One Large Office Room, at Kayamally Building. Apply to Kayamally & Co., 20, Queen's Road Central.

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New Advertisements

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that I am no longer connected with the Dragon Motor Car Co., Ltd., as from this date.

C. H. HOARE.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1929.

REMINDER.

HONGKONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

Clubs interested in Lawn Tennis are reminded of the Annual Meeting which takes place on Friday, 1st March, 1929, at 6 p.m. in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion.

D. S. GREEN,
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

G. H. R.
HONGKONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

The Institute will re-open on Friday, March 1st, Students joining Classes held at Queen's College and King's College will be enrolled at the Education Department only; those joining Classes held at the Central British School, Kowloon, will be enrolled at the School.

Entry Forms and copies of Prospectus may be obtained at the Education Department or at the Central British School.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Race Meeting, 1929.

The first Race on each day will be run at 12 o'clock noon. The first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 23rd February, 1929, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$80 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$8 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Admission by ticket only. Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.SHewan Tomes & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1929.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-fifth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 13th day of March, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1928, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer books of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 8th March, 1929, until Thursday, 14th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,SHewan Tomes & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1929.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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20 Cases Aluminium Powder.

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Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Lot No.	Boundary Measurements	Annual Rent	Total Price	Locality			
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1	1	As per sale plan.	\$12.00	\$1,440.00	Front Boundary Inland Boundary Front Boundary Inland Boundary			

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One Columbia "Grafanola" and Records
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A Few Pieces of Blackwood Furniture.

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Catalogues will be issued.

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IN FOUR LOTS.

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THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES

LOT NO. 1.—The property known as Nos. 90D, 90E and 90F WELLINGTON STREET comprises three newly erected four storied Chinese shops and dwellings with basements situate in the centre of the city on the piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Section C of the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 164 having an area of 2652 square feet or thereabouts. The property is situate on the North side of Wellington Street and is bounded on the East by Peel Street and on the West by a private lane.

LOT NO. 2.—The property known as No. 180 WELLINGTON STREET is an excellent class three storied Chinese shop and dwelling house with iron balconies in front situate in the centre of the city on the piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Section C of Inland Lot No. 8 having an area of 728 square feet or thereabouts. The property is ripe for re-development purposes. The Annual Crown rent payable on this property is \$21.81.

LOT NO. 3.—The property known as No. 360 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL and No. 47 LOWER LASCAR ROW are excellent class three storied Chinese shops and dwellings. No. 360 Queen's Road Central has an attic storey on the roof and No. 47 Lower Lascar Row a basement. The property is situate on

the piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Subsection 1 of Section AE of Inland Lot No. 211 having an area of 1278 square feet or thereabouts. The Annual Crown rent payable on this property is \$21.81.

LOT NO. 4.—The property known as No. 1 CASTLE ROAD is a semi-detached two storied European residence situate in the central district of the city on the middle levels in a favourite residential locality on the piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Section B of Inland Lot No. 508 having an area of 4193 square feet or thereabouts. The property is ripe for re-development purposes. The Annual Crown rent payable on this property is \$5.63.

Further information and Copies of the Particulars and Conditions of Sale, may be obtained from:

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MASSAGE
No. 51B, Top Floor, Wyndham St.
Hongkong.

SUSPECTED MURDER.

MAN'S DEAD BODY FOUND
IN FRONT OF HOUSE.

Intimation of the apparent
murder of a gardener residing at
the old Kowloon Tong village was
received yesterday evening, when
the body of a man was found lying
in the vacant space in front of
his residence.

On receipt of the information
the police proceeded to the scene,
and up to a late hour last night
had not returned to the station.
Only very brief information was
obtainable. Beyond the fact that
the man was a gardener named
Chan Shui, aged 37, and resided
at Eli Cottage, nothing was known
of the circumstances of the man's
death when enquiries were made
late last night.

The seeming outrage was committed
sometime during the day, the
body being discovered about
7 p.m. lying in the garden of the
cottage.

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"FAUST."

ANOTHER REMARKABLE
GERMAN FILM.

"Faust," a German picture of a
nature entirely new to the screen,
will be presented as the chief
attraction at the Queen's Theatre
from Sunday to Tuesday according
to a special announcement in
this issue. With Emil Jannings,
the famous German actor, in the
leading role, the picture relates in
vivid manner Goethe's immortal
drama of the triumph of Good
over Evil. Faust, however, in the
film, is not so much the scientist
and charlatan as represented in
the drama of Goethe. Rather is
he a friend to humanity, always
seeking a new way in which to
bring happiness to his fellow
beings. Enter Mephisto, who
seeks to conquer the soul of Faust
and dominate the earth. Faust
falls under the spell of Evil and
goes on a pleasure trip. Mephisto
shows him all the wonderful
things that may be his if he will
only bow to the Devil. The
tragedy of Gretchen follows, and
here the story deviates from
Goethe's drama. But in the end,
just as Mephisto believes he has
conquered the soul of Faust and
so the world, Cherubin advances
and disillusiones him in a startling
manner. "Faust" is a picture
with a moral, and, in view of its
nature as an entertainment,
crowded houses should be the rule
during its run at the Queen's
Theatre.

THE SAMOANS.

INTERESTING DETAILS OF
THE "SIVA SIVA."

In connexion with the announcement
of the Samoan dances and
music which will be presented at
the Star Theatre for a short season
commencing Sunday, it is
interesting to describe what the
"Siva Siva" really is. The
Samoa Siva is a calisthenic performance
with the aid of song; it is
only in rare cases pantomime.
It is entirely an exhibition and
designed for the entertainment of
spectators, without whom there
could be no dance. It is a dance
of the upper body and is danced
sitting, the feet and legs moving
only slightly and to keep time.
The motions are in no sense
symbolic; they imitate generally
the rowing in a canoe, or the
throwing of a spear. There is no
interpretation to be put upon any
pose or changes of poses. Sometimes
a love song, a battle song, a
canoe song are sung with exactly
the same movements. Seats for
this really now and novel entertainment
may be booked in advance at Moutures or the Star
Theatre at the popular prices of
\$2 and \$1.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

JAPANESE PREMIER REPLIES
TO QUESTIONS.

Tokyo, Feb. 28.

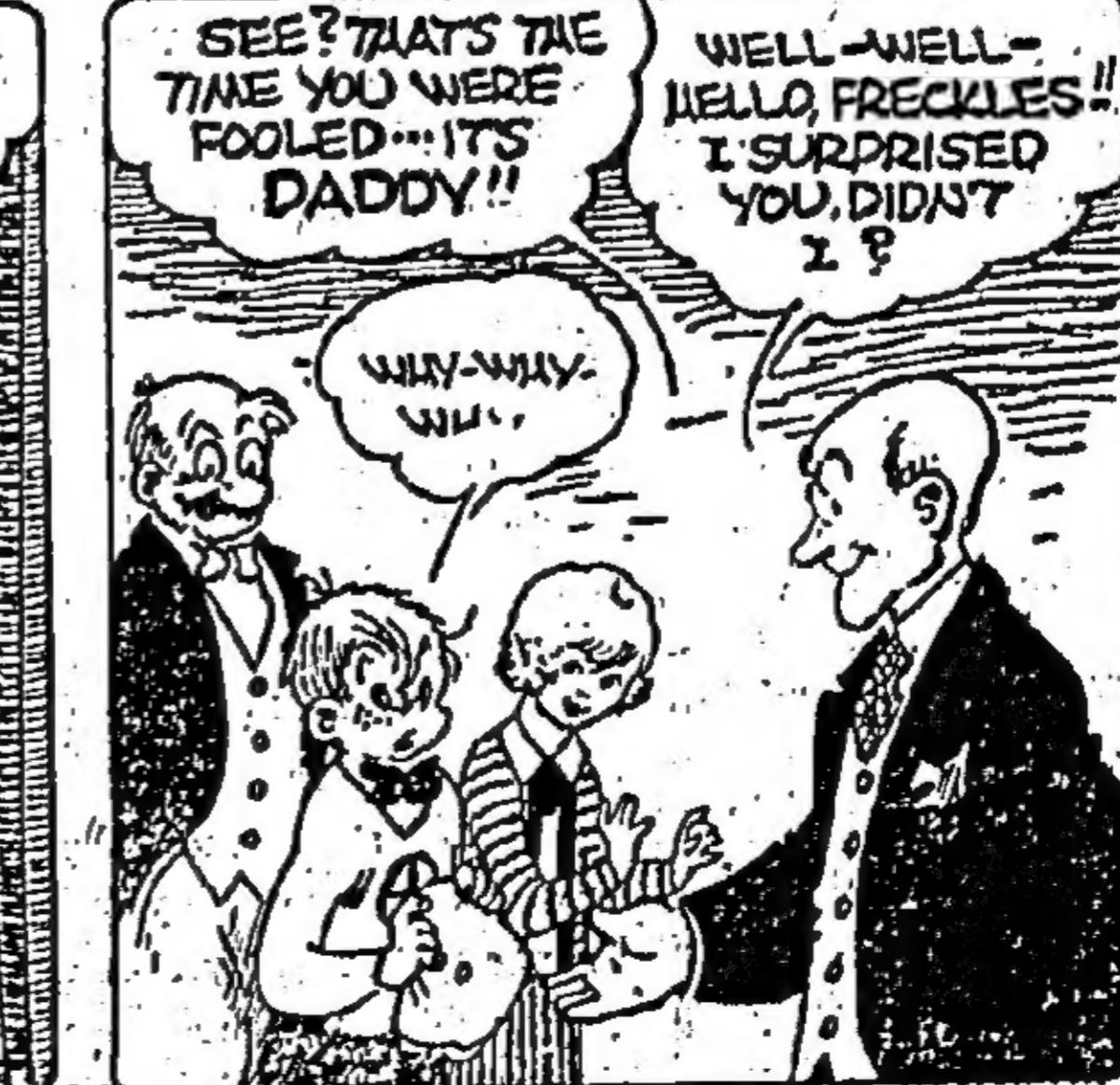
Replying to a question by an
opposition member, who during
the discussion of the Peace Preservation
Act asserted that the Third
International was behind Com-
munist intrigues in Japan, the
Premier stated that the Government
had "more than once" drawn
the Soviet's attention to the Third
International's "pernicious" action,
as it considers it is justified
in filing a protest, "whether the
Soviet Government has anything to
do with that body or not."

On the Interpellator urging the
Government to take more positive
and effective action, "after the
example of Britain and China," in
view of "the flagrant breach of the
Russia-Japanese treaty," the
Premier dismissed the subject by re-
plying that the Government was
prepared to take whatever steps it
considered necessary.—Reuter.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



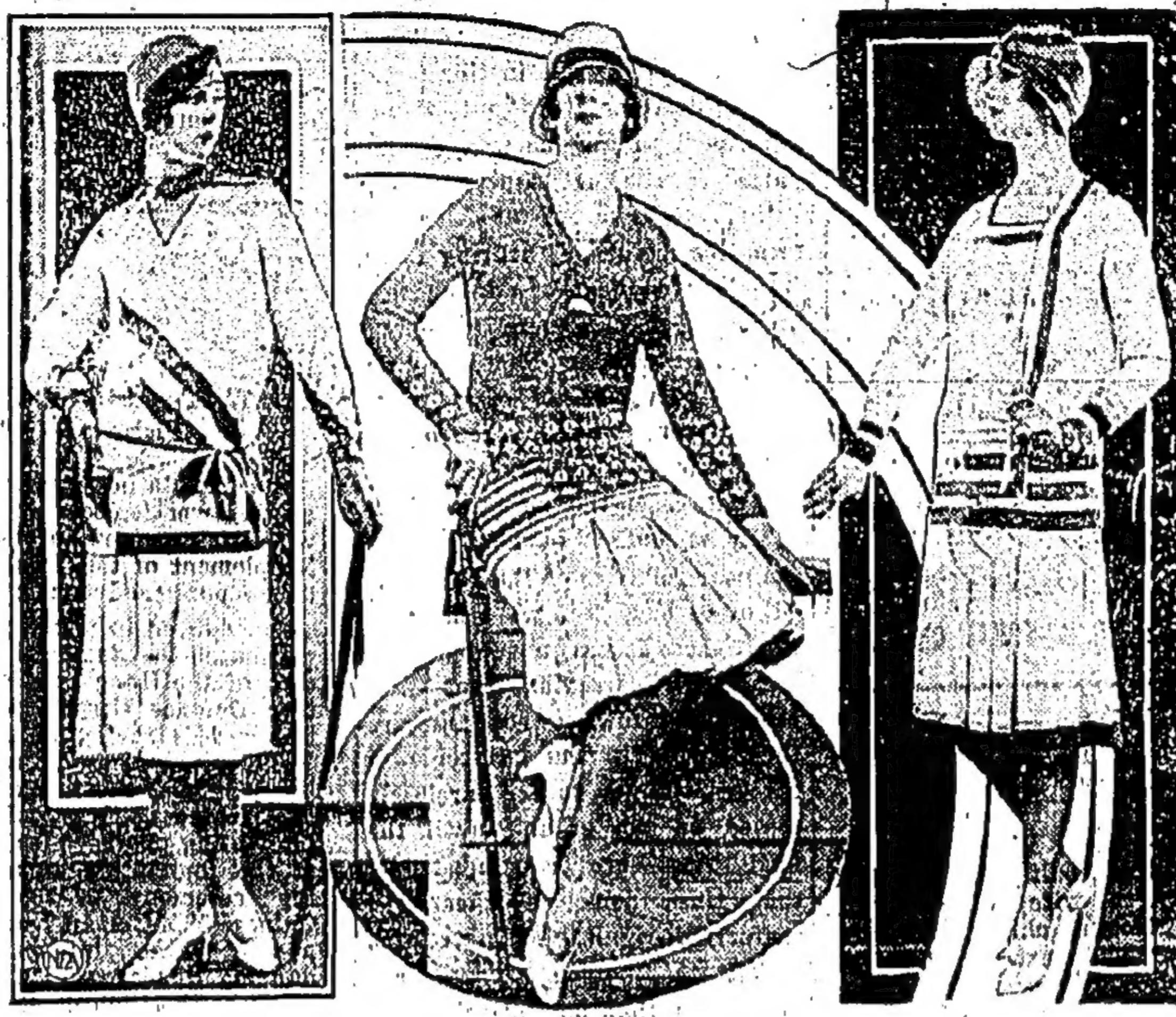
Only One Thing



By Blosser

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Stripes Brighten Newest Sport Frocks.



A blue, white and beige sports outfit has its hand-blocked overblouse striped diagonally with blue and white and its white skirt gathered. A gold-yellow sweater, embroidered in white silk, tops a white kasha skirt with box-plaits. Unusual skirt pleats, novelty striping and a new tie effect distinguish a beige, yellow and green outfit.

Children's Colour
Sense.

[BY A HARLEY-STREET
WOMAN "DOCTOR."]

Most children love bright and
beautiful colours. This sense is
inherent. Many adults will disagree,
the reason for this probably
being that they judge the child's
attempts at colour by the standard
of adult art. Such a comparison
makes the child's work appear
primitive. However, it is only
necessary to refer to prehistoric
man's attempts to prove that both
his colour and decoration were
very similar to the creations of
the present-day child.

Of course, unless there is artificial
light, there must be moonlight
and you must use the time stop
on your camera. Set the camera
securely so that it will not be moved
during the operation. Thirty minutes'
exposure is a good one to begin
with; and, from the result obtained,
use your judgment to improve the
next. Print deeply from the nega-
tive.

Even as Early as 6 Months Old.
A baby of six months has been
noted to display a great fascination
for a highly coloured wool
ball which hung over his cot and
gyrated at the least movement. In
fact, small hands, legs, and watching
eyes showed a pitch of excitement
and pleasure quite remarkable
in one of such tender age.
To-day this child has the love
of colours to an astonishing degree,
as her crayon scribbles on the
nursery blackboard show.

Every child of two or three years
should be given large sheets of
kitchen paper and a box of
coloured pencils with which to
scribble. This will help his develop-
ment in many ways—

He will learn how to hold a
pencil;

He will soon be able to dis-
tinguish between the colours;

His attempts will help his innate
creative energy.

The scribbles of a small child
always mean something to him,
although they appear quite worthless
to the adult. His production

gives him a great sense of value.

Night Photography.

AND WHAT TO DO WITH
THEM.

Despite their one-time vogue, the
modern housewife has, seemingly, no
use for overmantels and other large
mirrors, while even second-hand
dealers look askance at these no
longer popular household relics.

This being the case, it behoves
those who own either or both, to
think out ways and means of using
them to advantage—elsewhere than
over the mantelpiece.

So why not fix that high over-
mantel which originally stood on the
drawingroom mantelpiece over that
carved oak chest in the hall. The
combination would be ideal, for the
chest opens and is far roomier and
more useful than any ordinary hall
table. It would also act as a hall
seat, when necessary, while the over-
mantel itself would serve not only
as a mirror for visitors and house-
hold alike, but would incidentally
about double the apparent size of
your comparatively small hall.

The diningroom overmantel may
also present a difficulty, once that
nice set of genuine willow plates
has taken its place—so what about
placing it upright (if it happened to
be long and narrow) on a bracket
about twelve inches from the floor,
across that otherwise rather
unpleasant corner just at the bend of
the staircase? A fairly long mirror
at just such an angle can and does
prove a veritable blessing, as you
can very soon prove for yourself.

"See what I have made!" is his
mental comment. The results
should be admired. This is a
step towards encouragement for
further effort and an outlet for
that exuberant energy that so
often gets thrown back on himself,
the result being a pensive, fretful
child.

It is quite a good idea to allow
the children to decorate the nursery
by painting brightly coloured
animals. These can be drawn on
black or brown paper in outline
and could form a dado for the
nursery wall.

How the Child Will Gain.

Encourage children to paint
cards, make raffia mats in gay
colours, and work coarse canvas
in brilliant wools. There is
method in such madness. It
teaches the child self-dependence
early, besides cultivating his in-
herent desire for colour and dec-
oration. Moreover, such occupa-
tions can relieve the burden of a
harassed mother or Nana seeking
something to interest the children.

Old Mirrors.

OLD MIRRORS.

Down.

2. Forbid.
3. Two-fold.
4. Small mug.
5. Negotiate.
6. Number.
7. Shut.
8. Sulphate.
9. Shy look.
10. Gibe.
11. Stimulate.

CHEFOO SITUATION.

MARSHAL CHIANG SENDING
SUPPLIES.

Nanking, Feb. 28.
In order to assist Liu Chien-men
to suppress the insurgents, Marshal
Chiang Kai-shek has ordered
the despatch of 200,000 rounds of
ammunition and \$30,000 to Chefoo.
—Reuter.

Chang Gives Assurance.

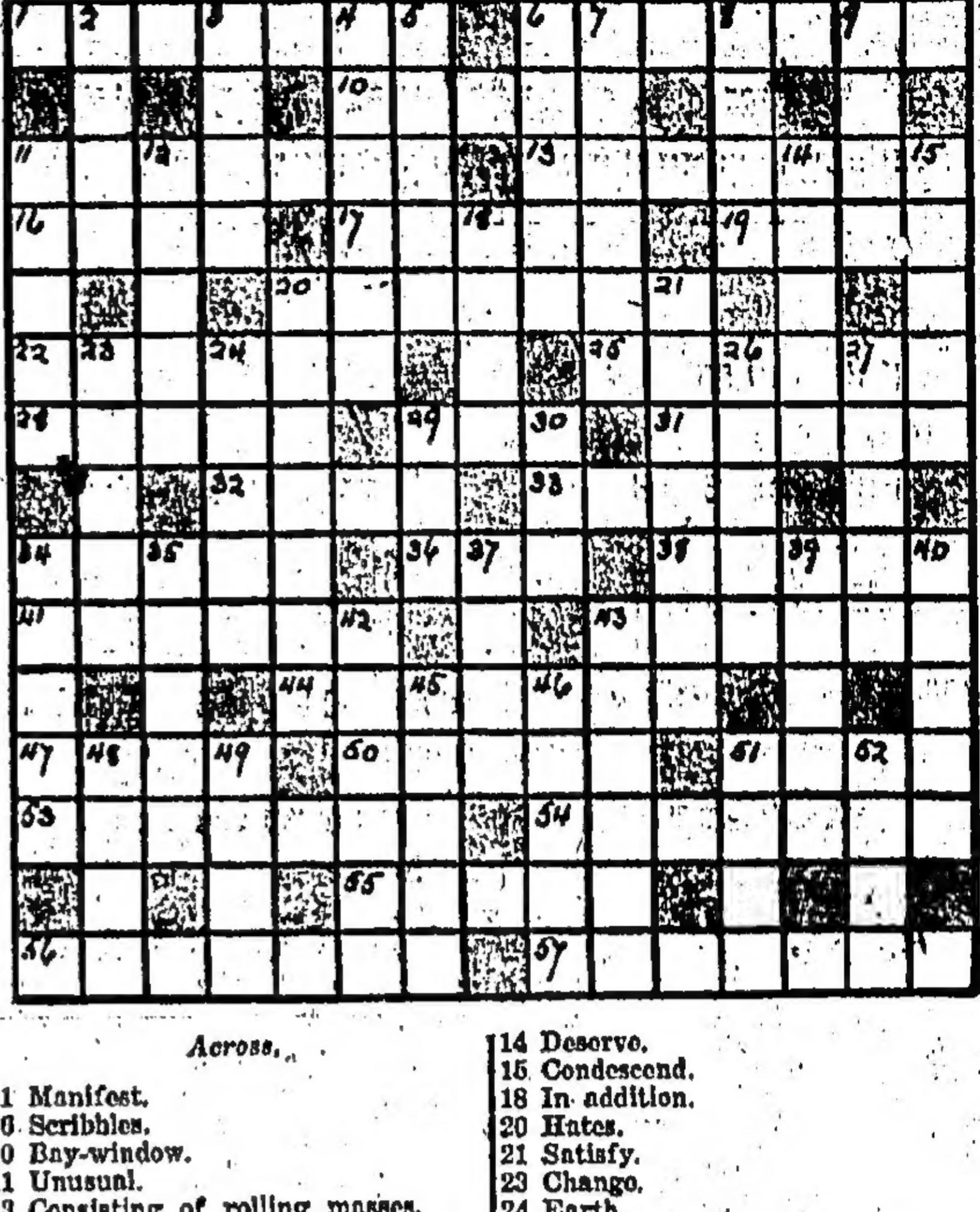
Chefoo, Feb. 28.
The American cruiser Trenton
returned this morning. The United
States Consul, Mr. Webber, inter-
viewed Chang Chung-chang at
Tengchowfu, and the latter pro-
mised protection to foreign life
and property. He stated his in-
tention to eliminate Feng Yu-
hsiang.

The apparent present cessation
of hostilities between Liu Chien-
men and Chang Chung-chang is
reported to be due to negotiations
taking place for Liu to turn over
to the other side, but this is not
verified.—Reuter.

Latest messages from Chefoo
show that there is no change in
the situation there.

Shanghai, Feb. 28.
It is understood that Marshal
Feng Yu-hsiang is contemplating
proceeding to Germany.—Reuter.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.

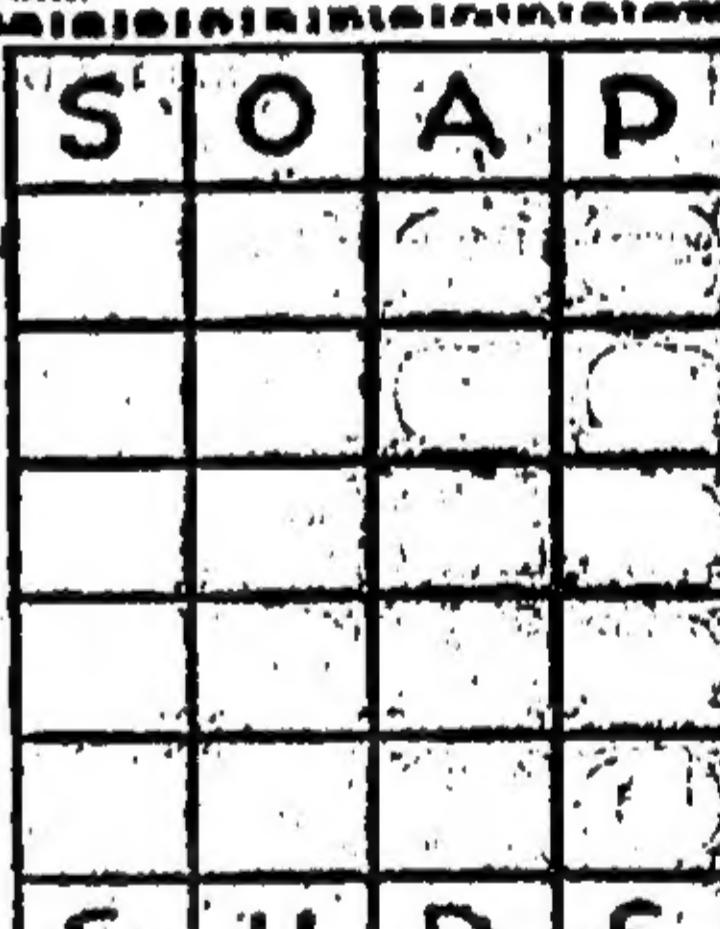


Across.
1. Manifest.
6. Scribbles.
10. Bay-window.
11. Unusual.
13. Consisting of rolling masses.
15. Calm.
17. Sports.
19. Mountain lake.
20. Musical intervals.
22. Secure.
25. Courage.
28. Swift.
29. Observe.
31. Poetical for the sun.
32. Harvest.
33. Shower.
34. Anxieties.
36. Yes.
38. Available for debt repayment.
41. Mistake in printing.
43. Constant.
44. Giltster.
47. Identical.
50. Combating ground.
51. Companion.
53. Defame.
54. Shunned.
55. Bisect.
56. Garments.
57. Estimates.

Down.
2. Forbid.
3. Two-fold.
4. Small mug.
5. Negotiate.
6. Number.
7. Shut.
8. Sulphate.
9. Shy look.
10. Gibe.
11. Stimulate.

LETTER GOLF

SOAP Suds supply the working
material for today's puzzle. Par
is six.



1. The idea of letter golf is to
change one word to another and
do it in part, a given number of
strokes. Thus to change COW to
HEN, in three strokes, COW
HOW HEW HEN.

2. You can change only one
letter at a time.

3. You must have a complete
word of common usage, for each
jump. Slang words and abbrevia-
tions don't count.

4. The order of letters cannot be
verified.—Reuter.

One solution is printed on an
other page.

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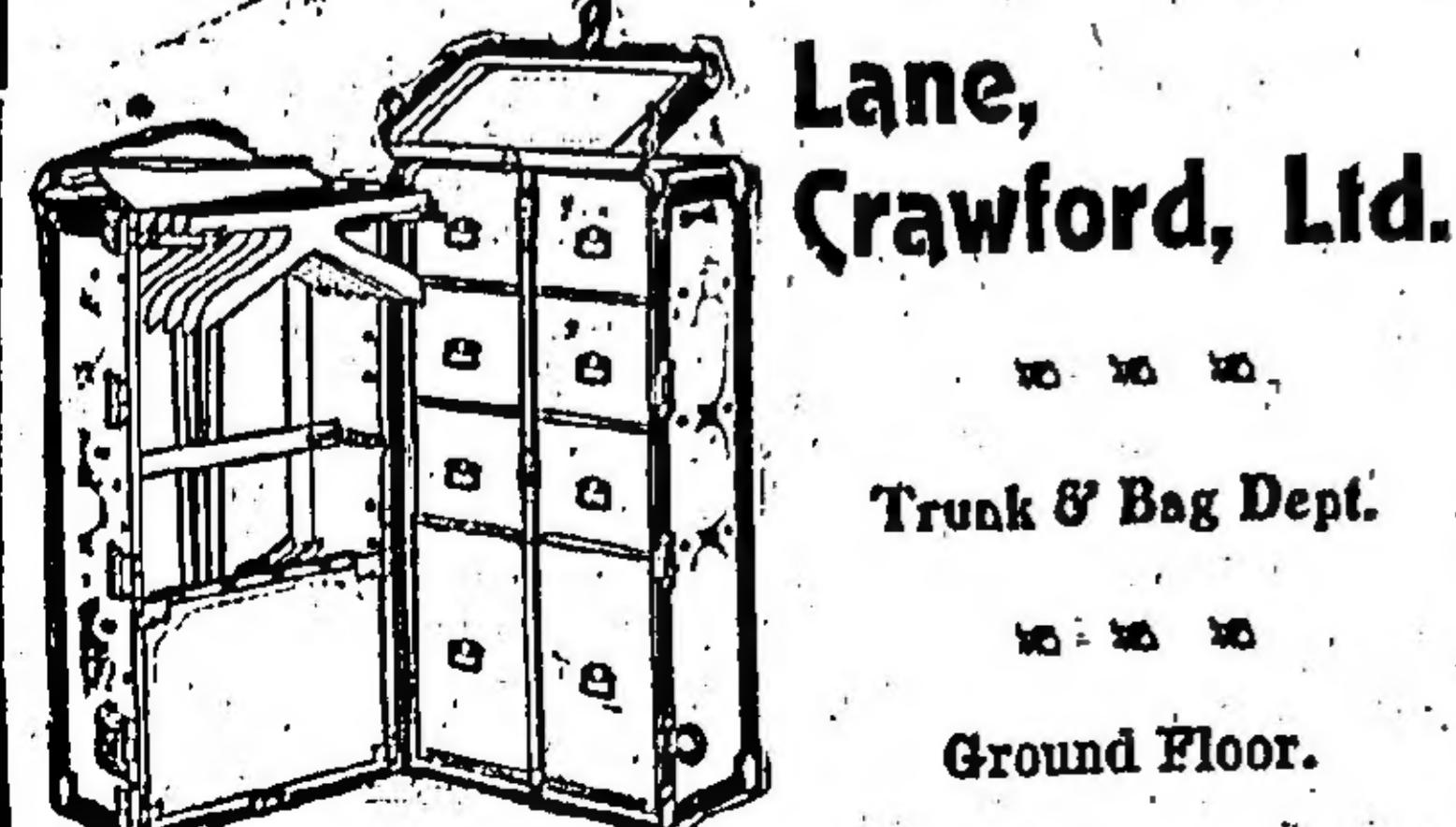
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DEATH.

NOLAN.—At 62, Wellington Road, Dublin, result of an accident, May, the wife of the late Mr. Nolan, chief interpreter Supreme Court, R.I.P.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY MARCH 1, 1929

REMEMBERING THE
DEAD.

An example which we should like to see more generally followed is provided by a local resident who has forwarded us a donation of five dollars, to be devoted to charity in memory of the late Mr. H. P. White, instead of spending the money on a wreath. By the wish of the donor, the sum is being added to the fund for the relief of distressed British miners and their families. So eminently sensible is the thought which inspires this action that we would once again appeal to the public to refrain from wasting money in floral tributes which only last a day or so, and, instead, to allot to some charitable cause the amounts which would otherwise be spent in the manner indicated. There are many deserving charitable organisations in Hongkong which could do with increased support, and the money from this source would, in the course of a year, come to quite a substantial sum. Recently, it was reported from Shanghai that a resident had expressed in his will a desire that any of his friends who wished to pay a tribute to his memory should do so by making contributions to Masonic charities in which he was keenly interested, instead of sending wreaths to his funeral. The wish was gratified when he passed away, and the cause of charity benefited very considerably as a consequence.

As newspaper people, we have seen sufficient of the manner in which this business in wreaths is carried on to realise the utter futility of it all. To take yesterday as an example—there were two funerals last evening, and the demand for wreaths so far outstripped the supply of green leaves that the sellers were reduced to wrapping cabbage leaves round bamboo in order to provide a basis for the wreaths! It is said, too, that after the wreaths have rested for a day or so on the graves, the Wyndham Street flower-sellers sometimes manage to get hold of them again and utilise the framework for others later on. Another story that we

have heard is that it occasionally happens that wreaths for which orders have been sent, and money paid, are never sent to the Valley as requested. Whether these things are true or not, we do say that this blatant commercialising of wreath-selling, with its frequent attendant haggling over prices, is about the last thing that any reasonably-minded individual would care to have associated with his passing. All this is apart from the tremendous sums that are wasted every year on this foolish form of remembrance. Hundreds of dollars were probably spent in this manner yesterday. It is out of no disrespect to the memory of departed friends that we write thus; rather the reverse, for the alternative method of bearing them in mind by donations to charity strikes us as being more in keeping with the occasion. There may be those who would not wish to see funeral ceremonies marked by an entire absence of floral tributes; in that case, the wreaths could surely be confined to those sent by the near relatives of the deceased. All of us have seen what happens when there is an unusually large number of wreaths sent—how they get thrown about and are then carted to the graveside in batches, there to be carelessly tossed on the ground until the final rites are concluded. By that time, some of them are scarcely recognisable as wreaths, whilst the personal cards are more often than not entirely missing.

There are other aspects of the matter which could be dilated upon, such as the obstruction caused by the wreath-makers in cluttering up our pavements when coping with rush orders, but sufficient has been written to suggest the desirability of an end being put to this sordid business. Let us remember those who have departed, by all means. But let our remembrance find some better medium than the enrichment of those who look at a funeral merely from the standpoint of the amount of money it will bring to them.

The War Office.

No long or very serious argument, one way or the other, is likely to be aroused by the movement in the House of Commons for changing the nomenclature of the War Office, and the designation of the Minister concerned therewith. Briefly, five Conservative members, to whom the word "War" apparently gives offence, have expressed a desire that the War Office be known in future as the Office of Military Defence, and Sir Laming Worthington-Evans as the Secretary of State for Military Defence. If we remember rightly, a similar proposal has been engaging the attention of a few French politicians for some little time, though no great headway seems to have been made. For our own part, we feel the purpose of the desired change is not sufficiently important to justify the loss of a crisp and vigorous term, even though it may not be one of exactness. No-one suffers under the impression that the administrative official controlling the branch of Government concerned devotes his attention to the organisation, shall we say, of war, any more than there exists a belief that the Admiralty is a Board of Admirals of the Fleet. There can be no ambiguity for the simple reason that the functions of the War Office and the Minister for War have always been well understood. Those who argue the other way will not, of course, concern themselves with this aspect of the question. Their point, as we understand it, is that the word "war" should be anathema to right-thinking people, and should, therefore, be removed from official expression. It seems little more than a farce. We do suggest indeed that they should not be mollified until a substitute has been evolved which is much more graceful and mellifluous than "the Office of Military Defence."

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DAY BY DAY.

EVERY MAN HAS TWO EDUCATIONS
THAT WHICH IS GIVEN TO HIM,
AND THE OTHER THAT WHICH HE
GIVES TO HIMSELF. OF THE TWO
KINDS, THE LATTER IS BY FAR THE
MORE VALUABLE.

To-day being St. David's Day a wreath was laid this morning on the Cenotaph.

H.E. the Governor is to distribute the prizes at King's College at 11 a.m. on Tuesday next.

A report has been made to the police by a Chinaman coolie living in the coolie quarters in Peak Road, to the effect that while he was

TO-MORROW'S PICTURE
SUPPLEMENT.

The Week's Local History in Pictures.

A complete pictorial record of this week's local history will be contained in the Art Supplement of the Telegraph, to be published to-morrow.

In addition to many photographs of the annual inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps and of this week's racing at Happy Valley (including pictures of the principal races and winning ponies), there will be interesting photographs taken at the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the new Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon, and at the international dancing display, which was given at the Club de Recreio, on Saturday.

Among the pictures taken at the Race Course is one showing His Excellency the Governor chatting with officials, among whom is the late Mr. H. P. White, whose sudden death took place on Thursday morning.

A full group photograph of the officers of the Defence Corps is included among other interesting local pictures—the Supplement containing over 20 art-printed photographs.

Waiting outside No. 303, The Peak at 1.50 this morning, he was bitten on the thigh by a white terrier dog, which rushed out from the house.

According to a report made to the police by the Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., a Chinese electrician, employed at the dock, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries to his neck and face as a result of the blowing out of an electrical switch.

A Chinese named Yu Chiu, forty years of age, employed by Messrs. Sang Lee, contractors, was sent to hospital yesterday after receiving injuries to his head caused by falling down the steps at the entrance of the Colonial Secretary's residence at No. 403, The Peak. The man was rendered unconscious and was attended on the spot by Dr. (Mrs.) Minnett, who happened to be a visitor at the time.

Patrons of the Peninsula Hotel are notified that the Grill Room and Roof Garden for the evenings of Friday, March 8, and Tuesday, March 12, are completely booked up and no further reservations will be accepted.

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COMMON ERRORS
IN BRIDGE
AND HOW TO
CORRECT THEM
by W.W. Wentworth

11. OVERLOOKING OPPORTUNITY TO RUFF

North (Dummy)
A 6 5
C 4 3
O A K 7 6 5
P 4 3 2

West Leads C
A 6 5
C 4 3
O 2 1
P 4 3

South (Declarer)
A K Q 9 8
A 7 6
C 5 4 3
O 9 8 7 6 5
P 4 3 2

The Bidding: South opens with one spade and all pass.

Deciding the Play: West leads King of hearts. How should Declarer plan to play?

The Error: Declarer captures the first trick with Ace of hearts and then draws opponents' trumps by playing Ace, King and Queen of spades in that order. After that Declarer makes Ace of diamonds, King of diamonds and Ace of clubs and then gives opponents

CORRESPONDENCE

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—In reply to four questions put forward by "W.G." in your columns last night, kindly permit me to submit the following:

1. Christian Science and faith-healing as it is generally understood have nothing whatever in common. A correct understanding of what Christian Science is may be gained by a study of the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and other of her writings. These books may be borrowed or purchased at the Christian Science Reading Room in the Church edifice on Macdonnell Road.

2. & 3. Information regarding Christian Science practitioners may be found in any current numbers of "The Christian Science Journal."

4. Information with regard to compensation of practitioners may be found in the Church Manual of The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass., by Mary Baker Eddy, (also available at the Reading Room). Christian Scientists receive compensation for their services, just as Jesus and his disciples did. Is not the workman worthy of his hire? A very large percentage of Christian Science healing is done without compensation.—Your, etc.

W. H. ADLER.
Christian Science Committee on Publication for Hongkong.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended March 2nd, 1908.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 10.9/10d.

At the annual Flower Show, a new hyacinth was exhibited by Mr. Chao Leep-chee, by whom it was cultivated and brought to perfection. It was named after Sir Henry Berkeley, a well-known local barrister.

A report on the progress of the construction of the Kowloon-Canton Railway showed that only two big works remained for the completion of the project—the Beacon Hill tunnel, and the excavation which was to form the reclamation for the Kowloon Station yards.

At the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Hongkong, requiem mass was said for the late King and Crown Prince of Portugal, who were assassinated in Lisbon.

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NEW YEAR HONOURS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

new peer was knighted in 1909 and made a Baronet seven years later. He resides in Jersey and is a prominent member of the National Liberal and Reform Clubs.

Urban Buttleson Rogers Broughton, Esq., in consideration of public, political and philanthropic services of his father, the late Urban Hanlon Broughton, whose election to the peerage would have been recommended to His Majesty, but for his death on January 30th, last. Urban Hanlon Broughton was the well-known British engineer and was engaged for many years in engineering, mining and railway work in the United States becoming President of several big companies. In his younger days, he was employed on railway, drainage and dock works in England and Ireland. He was Conservative M.P. for Preston from 1915 to 1918.

Sir Berkeley George Andrew Moynihan, K.C.M.G., President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He is also Emeritus Professor of Surgery, University of Leeds; and Consulting Surgeon, Leeds General Infirmary. His father was Captain Moynihan, V.C., of the 8th King's Regiment. He served in the European War and was mentioned in despatches. He has won many international honours in his profession and is the author of several medical works.

Baronetcies.

Nine recipients of baronetcies include:

Mr. Friedrich Eckstein, chairman of the Sudan Plantations Syndicate, for his services in the Sudan. He is a partner in the firm of Werner, Bolt and Company. He was born and educated in Germany and was a representative of his firm for many years in Johannesburg.

Mr. William Horne, the chairman of the Prudential Assurance Company.

Mr. Alexander Park Lyle, the chairman of the Lyle shipping Company for services in connexion with the Scottish War Memorial. He was formerly President of the Greenock Philosophical Society and Chamber of Commerce. He is the second son of Mr. Abraham Lyle, shipowner and sugar refiner of Greenock. He served during the Great War in the Scottish Horse, being mentioned in despatches and receiving the Military Cross.

Mr. W. R. Morris, the chairman of Morris Motors, Limited, who has done so much to advance British motor-car manufacturing.

Knighthoods.

There are thirty Knighthoods conferred, the most interesting being Mr. Allott V. Roc, for distinguished services to British Aviation.

Privy Councillor.

The Earl of Stanhope has been appointed a Privy Councillor. The Earl of Stanhope is the 7th holder of the title. He has been Civil Lord of the Admiralty since November, 1924. He served with the Grenadier Guards in the South African War and with the 1st Battalion of the same regiment in France from November, 1914, to the end of the war. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office in 1918.

Dame Commander B.E.

Lady Alida Luisa Brittain who was born in Chile and in 1905 married Sir Harry Brittain. She is well-known for her musical activities, especially in connexion with the National Festival of Song. She is a noted harpist and has organised and adjudicated at many Welsh Eisteddfods. She has been Chairman of the Society of Women Journalists and prominently associated with many movements in the Conservative Party.

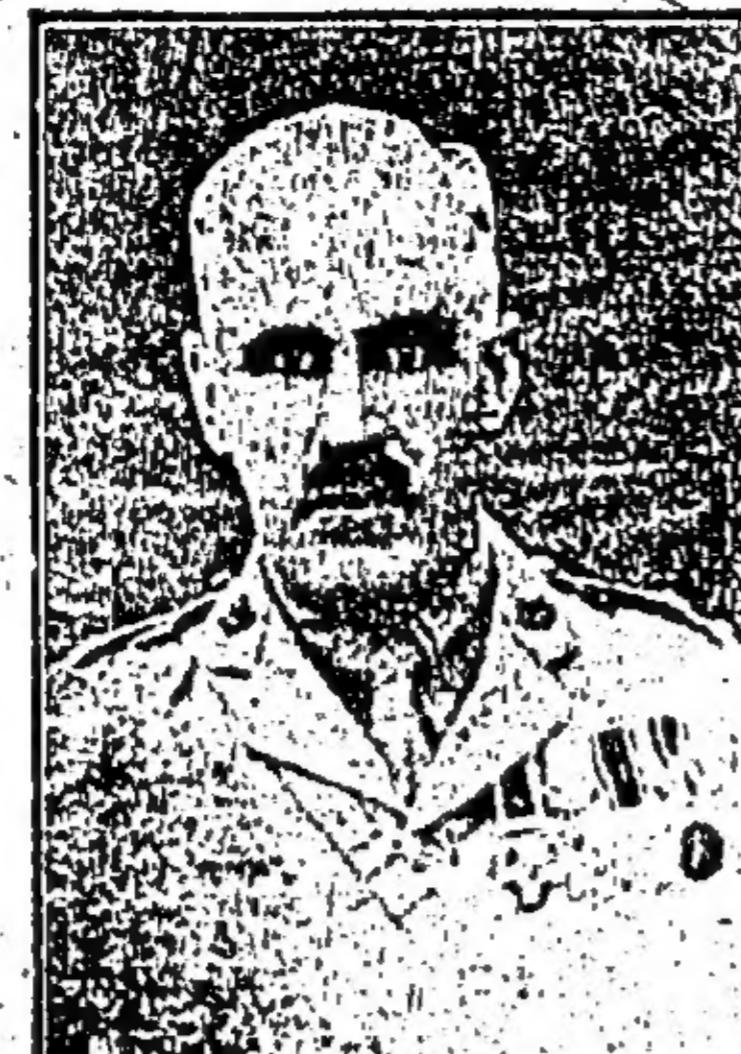
Companions of Honour.

Four names have been added to the Companions of Honour as follows:

Lady Florence Elizabeth Barnett, C.B.E., the Dean of the London (R.F.H.) School of Medicine for Women; Consulting Obstetric and Gynaecological Surgeon, Royal Free Hospital; Senior Obstetric Surgeon, Mothers' Hospital, Clapton; Examiner of the Central Midwives Board; Lecturer on Midwifery, London School of Medicine for Women, 1918-21; Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine; and President of the Medical Women's International Association. She is a talented woman, having specialised in the treatment of women's diseases, and holds many medical degrees and honours.

Lillian Mary Baylis, Hon. M. A., Oxford, the Lessee and Manager of the Old Vic Theatre, which position she has held since 1898. She was in her early years noted as a child violinist and for some time gained considerable fame as a

IN HONOURS LIST.



Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, who receives the O.B.E. decoration in the New Year Honours List, just issued.

in-Chief of the Kashmir Army. He was educated at Mayo College, Ajmere.

Knights Grand Cross:—Air Vice-Marshall Sir Philip Woolcock Game, K.C.B., who entered the Army in 1895, joining the Royal Artillery. He served in South Africa and in the European war, being six times mentioned in despatches. He commanded the R.A.F. in India in 1922-23, and

Sir Henry Robert Conway

debs, K.C.S.I., who has been High Commissioner for Irak since 1923 and Consul-General since 1924.

He entered the Indian Civil Service in 1892 and was head of the British Mission to Kabul in 1920. He has served in many capacities throughout India and surrounding territory.

Dame Grand Cross:—Mrs. Laura Knight, an Associate of the Royal Academy; and Professor Anne McIlroy, Professor of Obstetrics, at the Royal Free Hospital.

Knight Commander: Mr. John Thomas Pratt, C.M.G., who is one of H. M. Consul-Generals in China. He became a student interpreter in China in 1898 and later served at Shanghai, Tsinan and Nanking. He was transferred to the Foreign Office in 1925.

Commanders: Mr. Li Yau-tsuan, of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong; Mr. J. B. Atleck, of Tsinanfu; and Professor Winifred Cullis, Professor of Physiology at the Royal Free Hospital.

Officers: Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, Hongkong; Mr. A. W. Burkhill, Mr. Charles Sharpur, Mr. A. R. J. Hearn, Mr. Percy Kent, and Mr. Robert A. Williams, all of Shanghai.

Members: Mrs. D. M. Boaler, Mrs. Hilda Byrne, and Mrs. Florence O'Neill, all for services in connexion with military activities in Shanghai.

Knights Bachelor.

Mr. Mansfield Mayer, of the Straits Settlements.

C.M.G.

Mr. Basil C. Newton, of the British Legation, Peking, now in Shanghai.

Dr. Ambrose Thomas Stanton, who has been Chief Medical Advisor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies since 1920. He was a bacteriologist in the F.M.S. in 1907-08 and has been on special duty in Siam, Indo-China and the Dutch East Indies. While a member of the Malay States Volunteer Rifles, he was present

MURDER OF OLD CARETAKER.

WARNING GIVEN BY DOG'S BARKING.

WORK OF ROBBERS.

The barking of a dog in a neighbouring cottage led to the discovery of what appears to be a dastardly murder of a lonely caretaker, employed to look after a cottage in old Kowloon Tong. Brief details are given on another page.

According to information given to the police, two farmers, working on the Luk Fung Sam garden, were attracted by the incessant barking of a dog. Fearing that something had gone wrong in the adjoining farm, the two men set out to investigate the cause of the animal's behaviour.

On arriving at Eli Cottage, old Kowloon Tong, they found the body of the caretaker lying on the ground in the kitchen. There was a cord tied around the man's neck and a big wound on his head. He was not dead, however, and the police were immediately summoned with

Despite the utmost despatch, the police arrived on the scene to find the man dead. Robbery appears to have been the motive, but it would seem that the robbers stole nothing more than a few pieces of clothing and an old blanket.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Feb. 28.

Paris	124.25
Brussels	84.935
Amsterdam	12.12
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	84.52
Helsingfors	192.94
Lisbon	109.94
Bucharest	816
Buenos Aires	47.11/32
Shanghai	2/64
Yokohama	1/10/4
New York	485.6/10
Geneva	26.235
Milan	02.65
Stockholm	18.16
Oslo	18.19
Prague	163%
Madrid	31.94
Athens	376
Rio	6.29/32
Bombay	1/531/32
Hongkong	1/114
Silver Spot & Forward	20%
	British Wireless.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

H.M.S. KENT SOON GOING NORTH.

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, will leave Hongkong for Shanghai on Tuesday, March 12.

H.M.S. Bruce and four other destroyers of the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla will leave Hongkong on the same day for a cruise to the coast ports.

H.M.S. Seraph, one of the destroyers in the Eighth Flotilla, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Shanghai.

at the Singapore Mutiny. He was made Director of Government Laboratories, F.M.S., in 1920. He is the author of several publications on tropical diseases and research.

MOTOR BUS TICKET DISPUTE.

REFERENCE TO PEAK TRAM TICKET-HOLDERS.

A LOT OF DIFFERENCE!

"There is a lot of difference between people who live on the Peak and people who come before your Worship," remarked Sub-Inspector Stimson, at the Kowloon Magistrate this morning, when prosecuting a Chinese on a charge of travelling on a Kowloon bus without paying his fare.

Opening the case for the prosecution, Sub-Inspector Stimson said that the case was the usual one of trying to avoid payment on a bus. The defendant, he said, boarded a bus at Kowloon City shortly after midnight on Thursday, and, when asked for his ticket by the conductor, informed the man that he was a monthly ticket-holder. The conductor went away but when the inspector boarded the bus he asked to be shown the ticket.

Lost Ticket.

The defendant told the inspector that he had lost it, but his number was 94. He gave the man his name but was taken to the Company's offices to verify his statement. On examination of the Company's register, it was found that ticket No. 94 was not in the name of the defendant.

The conductor gave evidence, and, in reply to the defendant, admitted that the latter had had a ticket for last month but had not purchased one for this month.

The defendant—To-day is only the first of the month.

His Worship remarked that it seemed rather hard to prosecute for not having a ticket so soon after midnight on the first of the month.

Sub-Inspector Stimson replied that it was not for failing to renew his ticket that the defendant was charged. It was for not having any ticket at all.

On the Peak.

His Worship intimated that every time tickets were inspected on the Peak trams, there was sure to be somebody who could not show his ticket.

Sub-Inspector Stimson—There is a difference between people who travel on the Peak tram and people who come before your Worship.

The ticket inspector was called, but said that he had never known the defendant to have a ticket. If the conductor had said the defendant had travelled on a monthly ticket, then he must have been using somebody else's ticket.

Witness said that when the defendant was told that he would be arrested, he (defendant) admitted that he had no ticket and offered to pay, but the management refused to accept the money.

The defendant intimated that the master of his shop had purchased a monthly ticket for him, but the ticket was not in his name.

The witness replied that nobody could travel on a ticket which was in the name of another person.

His Worship adjourned the case till Monday for the defendant's master to be called.

RUSSIAN OIL FOR BRITAIN.

ROYAL DUTCH-SHELL REACH AN AGREEMENT.

Moscow, Feb. 28.

It was announced to-day that an agreement has been reached to have effect for a period of three years, between the Anglo-American oil combine and the Russian Oil Products Company.

Under this agreement, the Russian Oil Products Company will be given an equal share in the British market with other companies.

The agreement also provides for the supply of large quantities of Soviet kerosene, crude oil, and petrol to companies entering the combine which is led by the Royal Dutch-Shell group.—Reuter.

AMERICAN ELECTION EXPENSES.

\$16,000,000 ON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

Washington, Feb. 28.

It is revealed that over \$16,000,000 gold was spent during the Presidential Campaign, of which the Republicans' share is \$9,000,000 and the Democrats', \$7,000,000.

The figures are given by the Senate Investigating Committee, and they do not include the expenditure of the District, County and City organisations.—Reuter's American Service.

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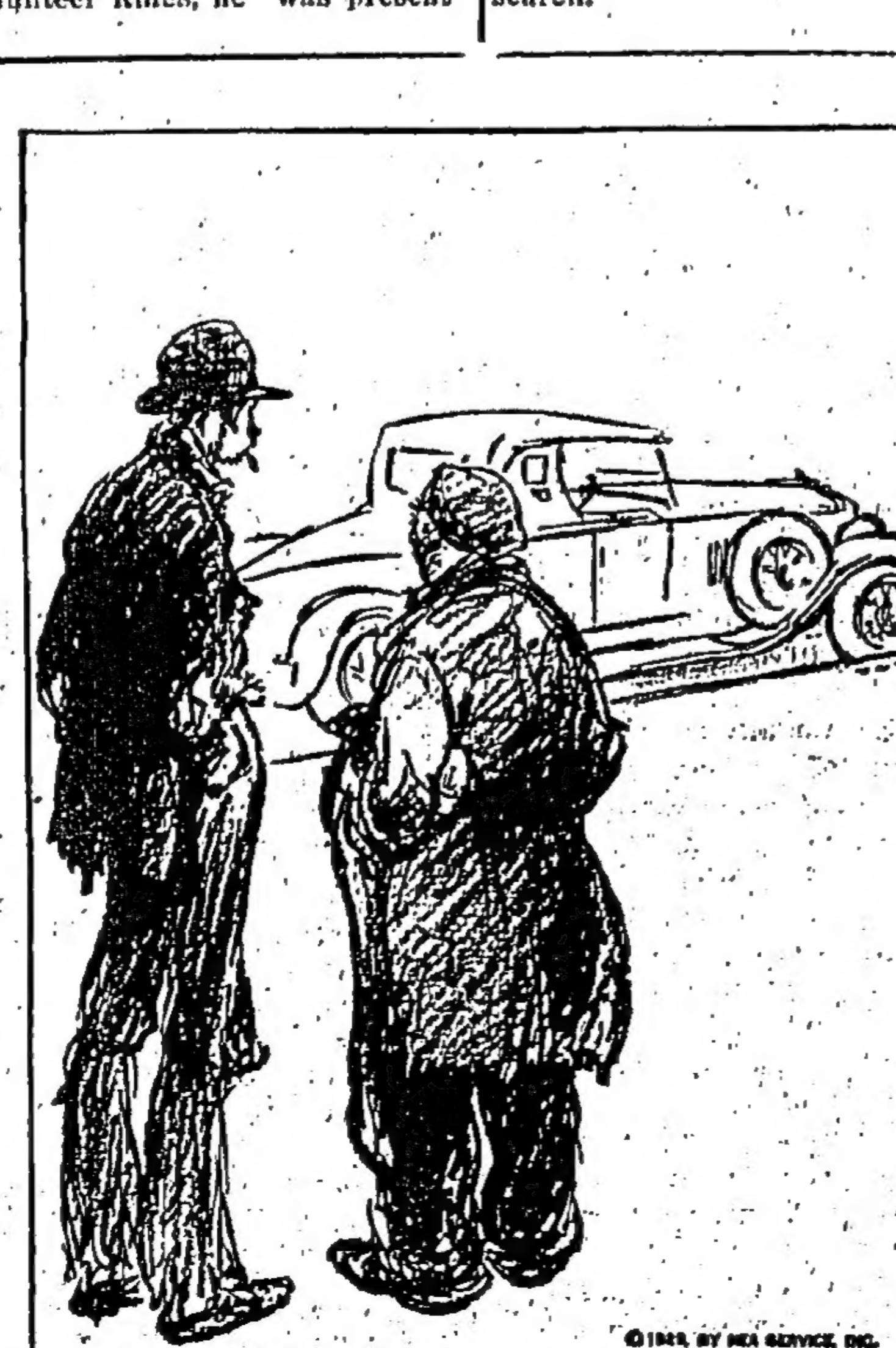
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**LOCAL FOOTBALL
TO-MORROW.**

**KOWLOON MEETING THE CLUB
AT KOWLOON.**

CHINESE PROSPECTS.

[BY "WANDERER"]

The return match between Kowloon and the Club will provide the soccer attraction for the European community to-morrow. Both sides are practically at full strength, and the sudden improvement of the Club has rendered the match of additional interest.

Among the sides struggling for league honours, Chinese Athletic have to negotiate a formidable hurdle, while South China are not to be so severely tested.

The fixture list, together with grounds, times of kick-off and officials appointed, is as follows:

Senior Division.

Chinese Ath. v. Navy—Club, 4.15.
—Capt. Austin.
Kowloon v. H.K.F.C.—Kowloon, 4.15.—Mr. Evans.
S. China v. Recreio.—Caroline Hill, 4.15.—Mr. Hollands.
R.A. v. K.O.S.B.—St. Joseph's, 4.15.—Mr. Atkinson.

Junior Division.

St. Joseph's v. Queen's—St. Jos., 2.45.—Mr. Rider.
R.A. v. K.O.S.B.—Sookunpoo, 2.45.—Mr. Critchell.
S. China v. R.A.F.—Caroline Hill, 2.45.—Mr. Hollands.
Kowloon v. Navy—Kowloon, 2.45.—Mr. Anderson.
Eastern v. China Ath.—Club, 2.45.—Mr. Harwell.

The Civilian Clash.

While from the point of view of importance to league honours, the match between Chinese Athletic and the Royal Navy will provide the most interesting game, there is certain to be a big crowd of Europeans at the Kowloon F.C. ground when their rivals, the Hongkong F.C. are the visitors.

This is the return match, the game at Happy Valley having resulted in a draw. Kowloon are not at full strength but McElveen and Blas make welcome returns to the side which will be capable of making the Club go all the way even if victory is not secured. At the time of writing the Club team is not to hand, but it is not likely that any radical change will be made from the side which forced a draw with the Borderers last week. A keen struggle with teams all out to the end is fairly certain. On current form, the Club may manage to force a draw, though I fancy Kowloon to win.

The Advance of the Navy.

The advance of the Navy, unfortunately too late to seriously threaten the leaders, will at least have the effect of bringing down their "averages" presuming the Navy are able to command the same eleven.

The Athletes, who provide the opposition to-morrow, are next in running for the championship, but I am expecting them to meet with a rebuff on this occasion. The only trouble with the Navy is that their forwards are not smart goal-getters, and this deficiency may cause an upset.

South China to Win?

South China should experience little difficulty in defeating the Club de Recreio, who are sadly out of form. The latter's forwards are not getting well together, largely, I suppose, because of the frequent changes in the half-back line and lack of adequate support. South China gave a poor display against a poor team last week and won 7-1. They won't expect to win by anything like that margin this week, but should add two points to their total.

Army Meeting.

The only other senior game is being played at Sookunpoo between the Royal Artillery and the K.O.S.B. The Borderers should make up some of their lost ground in this game.

In the Junior League there is no match of leading importance, the leaders all being matched against clubs in the bottom half of the table. The Navy, K.O.S.B., R.A.F., Queen's and Chinese Athletic should win their games.

Among the teams for to-morrow are:

LOCAL BILLIARDS.

WIN FOR CATHOLIC UNION.

The return billiards match between the Warders Mess and the Catholic Union Club took place last night at the Catholic Union, and resulted in a win for the latter by a margin of 338 points. Scores:

Warders Mess
Brindlecombe 200
Lacey 103
Hodge 156
Gooding 58
Billett 200
Gowland 119
836

Catholic Union
A. J. M. Rodrigues Jr. 175
M. M. Silva 200
A. A. M. Rodrigues 200
C. F. Vas 200
E. L. Vas 199
M. A. Baptista 200
1174

**KOWLOON FOOTBALL
CLUB TENNIS.**

**AMERICAN TOURNAMENT
RESULT.**

The American Tennis Tournament (Men's Doubles) at the Kowloon Football Club on Sunday last resulted in very close matches, the winners eventually proving to be:

Messrs. Ferguson & Black 1st
Messrs. Guest & Cotton 2nd
Messrs. Stokes & Pilgrim 3rd

No fewer than 345 games were played in the course of the game, all with the same balls, Dunlop seamless hard-court ball, presented by the Hongkong branch of the firm through their manager, Mr. S. G. Hayes.

If sufficient entries are obtained, a Ladies' Singles Handicap Tournament on the same lines will be held on Sunday, March 3rd.

BOXING.

**SHARKEY DEFEATS YOUNG
STRIBLING.**

Miami, Feb. 27.—The attendance at the Sharkey-Stribling contest was 80,000 and the receipts \$80,000, so apparently Dempsey's first promotion venture has been successful. The fight, however, was more a rough house than a boxing match.

Stribling won the first two rounds, but the Bostonian solved his opponent's style and thereafter neither gave quarter. There were wild swings, many dangerously low. Stribling was spitting blood in the third round but, with clean lefts to the jaw nearly felled Sharkey, who, however, scored more frequently and gained the verdict.—*Reuters' American Service*.

Kowloon—Angus; Robson, Pile; Bliss, Easterbrook, Downman; Eastman, Hedley, Spary, McElveen and Miles.

Kowloon Res.—Angus, Jr., Moore, Hast; Davies, Campbell, Nicholls; Hannan, McIntyre, Moss, Morgan and Waddington.

Borderers Win.

The results of the junior contests in the United Services football competition, yesterday, were as follow:

K.O.S.B. 4, S.L.I. 1.

H.M.S. Bruce 3, R.A.F. 0.

Playing at Happy Valley the K.O.S.B. beat S.L.I. after being a goal down, by four goals to one. Hicks gave the S.L.I. the lead after five minutes play. Crawley levelled up for the Borderers, and Stephenson and Craig added goals for the Borderers before the interval. Resuming, the Somersets played up strongly. Before the final whistle sounded Crawley scored, the K.O.S.B. winning by four goals to one.

On the Navy ground at Happy Valley, the R.A. beat the Herald by two goals to nil. Just before the interval Herald scored for the Gunners. Resuming, the Herald made a strong attack but shooting was wild. Taylor broke through and slipped to Allan who scored the Gunners' second goal.

The Bruce v. R.A.F. match was played on the Navy No. 2 ground, the Bruce winning by three goals to one. The R.A.F. goals, Jarvis, kept his charge intact against several raids by the sailors. Murray gave the sailors the lead and before the interval, Caproner put through his own goal. On resuming, the Airmen attacked strongly but failed to beat Finlayson. The sailors added to their score through Taylor, and just before the final whistle sounded Punkett scored for the R.A.F.

FANLING GOLF.

**STARTING TIMES FOR
SUNDAY.**

The starting times for Sunday's golf at Fanling are:

9.04 a.m.—Capt. Riggs and W. N. Fleming.
9.12 a.m.—J. D. Crawford and H. Spicer.
9.16 a.m.—R. K. Hepburn and H. R. Forayth.
9.28 a.m.—T. L. Christie and A. Leach.
9.32 a.m.—K. S. Robertson and D. S. Edward.
9.36 a.m.—T. A. Martin and J. M. Norrie.
9.40 a.m.—D. Forbes and E. C. Frederick.
9.44 a.m.—J. Thayer and G. E. Mitchell.
9.48 a.m.—S. M. Monroes and E. N. Monie.
9.52 a.m.—N. Croucher and J. Coulthart.
9.56 a.m.—H. A. Mills and W. A. Weight.
10.00 a.m.—A. Morley and C. J. Waddell.
10.04 a.m.—W. K. Tait and D. Ellis.
10.08 a.m.—H. G. Howard and G. H. Wilson.
10.12 a.m.—H. F. Bloxham and A. B. Raworth.
10.16 a.m.—S. S. Perry and W. C. Clark.
10.20 a.m.—F. A. Perry and Major D. Campbell.
10.24 a.m.—C. Thwaites and D. G. R. Smith.
10.28 a.m.—E. D. Lawrence and D. J. Gilmore.
10.32 a.m.—S. J. H. Fox and F. M. Ellis.
10.36 a.m.—F. M. Walker and F. H. Swaine.

10.40 a.m.—G. D. Mead and C. M. Gee.
10.44 a.m.—A. G. Coppin and E. Humphreys.
10.48 a.m.—W. L. Dunbar and A. W. Hay Edie.
10.52 a.m.—A. R. Cox and D. M. Goodall.
10.56 a.m.—J. H. Raikes and M. G. Mills.
11.00 a.m.—J. Cameron and E. P. Streathfield.

11.04 a.m.—G. W. Sewell and S. T. Butlin.
11.08 a.m.—H. J. Armstrong and C. T. Wood.
11.12 a.m.—F. A. Merry and N. K. Littlejohn.
11.16 a.m.—J. Taylor and W. D. Brown.
11.20 a.m.—E. Horridge and A. D. Coppin.
11.24 a.m.—E. M. Bryden and B. H. C. Hollowes.
11.28 a.m.—A. E. Lissaman and J. H. Geare.

11.32 a.m.—A. D. Humphreys and H. U. Ireland.
11.36 a.m.—J. W. Jeffries and G. B. S. Thomson.
11.40 a.m.—W. S. Key and W. A. Stewart.
11.44 a.m.—A. O. Brown and A. B. Purves.
11.48 a.m.—S. A. Sleap and D. L. Newbigging.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY V. ROYAL NAVY.

The following will represent the University 1st XI in a League match against the Royal Navy on Saturday at 2 p.m. sharp, on the University F. ground.—A. R. Runjahn (Capt.), F. I. Zimmerman, D. K. Samy, D. Llano, A. P. Gutierrez, N. P. Karanja, L. T. Ride, S. V. Gittins, E. A. Lee, A. Lee and D. J. N. Anderson.

HOCKEY.

CLUB V. UNIVERSITY.

The following team has been selected to represent the Club "A" against the University 2nd XI on the King's Park ground at 5.15 p.m. to-day:—Sapoo; Rowell, Rankin; Duncan, Botelho, Evans; Munn, Beaumont, Mowers, Price and Ross.

LATE MR. SHORT.

**THE FUNERAL YESTERDAY
AFTERNOON.**

The funeral of Mr. R. H. Short, who died on Wednesday last, took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended by his friends and colleagues. The remains were interred at the Protestant Cemetery, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave officiating at the graveside.

Amongst those present were Mr. Allan Cameron, Oriental Manager of the C.P.R., Mr. L. E. N. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Monaghan, Capt. A. W. Davison, Mr. E. Stone, Mr. C. Thwaites, and the entire staff of the C.P.R., as well as Messrs. Nicholas Tse, Chin, and Co., Leung Yuen Wo, Chairman of the Associated Union of Chinese seamen, Mr. A. Gutierrez, Mr. W. C. Innes, and many others. Mr. Short was also present at the funeral.

SAMOAN DANCERS COMING.



"The Samoan Dancers," who open a brief season at the Star Theatre on Sunday, March 3rd.

LAWN TENNIS.

**FINCHER BROTHERS HAVE
AN EASY MATCH.**

There were only two matches in the Open Championships Events on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon when the tournaments were resumed after a short break. Both games were in the Doubles event the Fincher brothers and Lieut. Hale and Redmond being the successful competitors to enter the second round.

Owen Hughes and Marton gave the Fincher brothers little opposition, losing in straight sets with only five games to their credit. The Kowloon pair showed considerable improvement on their last year's form, the younger of the two brothers being more reliable. They should not encounter very much difficulty in their next match but it is unlikely that they will reach the fourth round as the Runjhans will in all probability be their opponents in the third.

Lieut. Hale and Redmond were just a shade more consistent than Ilo Wal-ing and Chiu Tsun-chu. The former couple won in four sets, the match seldom reaching championship standard.

Yesterday's Results.

BANK PRESIDENT SUED.

MR. INSTONE BREWER DEFENDANT IN ACTION.

BOARD & LODGING.

Mr. Instone Brewer, President of the Instone Banking Corporation was the defendant in an action at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon when Mr. R. Simmons, general works manager of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd., St. George's Building, claimed \$407, being \$375 board and lodging for the defendant and his wife at No. 4 Century Crescent for June 1928, and \$32 being portion of wages due to a wash aman for March, April May and June last year at the rate of eight dollars a month.

Mr. Strellett said the claim was as simple as one could wish and it was only when one turned to the defence—or rather to the series of defences—that he thought he was not putting it too high when he said it was one of the most remarkable series of defences ever put before the Summary Court.

Plaintiff came from Singapore in January, 1928, to be works manager of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company. The defendant is president and controlling executive of the Instone Banking Corporation, an institution having an office in Hongkong and branches elsewhere.

When Mr. and Mrs. Simmons arrived in Hongkong they stayed at St. George's Hotel and later decided to start a home of their own. They were able to find suitable accommodation at 4 Century Crescent on the lower middle levels. It was a large house, fairly well furnished; but requiring additions. After inspecting the house they found that it was too large for their needs alone and decided to get into touch with another small family with a view to them sharing the house.

An advertisement was inserted in a local newspaper and a letter was received, signed by Mrs. Brewer. Mrs. Brewer met Mrs. Simmons at the beginning of February last year. Mrs. Brewer saying that she thought the house would be suitable. It was arranged that she should pay another visit with Mr. Brewer, when terms could be discussed. A few days later there was a general conversation between all four and it was arranged that Mr. and Mrs. Brewer should pay \$375 per month.

Payment for an Amah.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer went into the house on March 1 and were given the use of a bedroom and the general use of the rest of the house. The wife of the plaintiff was then more or less running the domestic side of the house and the first difficulty arose in April. Defendant and his wife were making use of a common amah for the purpose of having clothes mended and Mrs. Simmons considered that such duties for a double household were too much and suggested extra payment.

Mrs. Simmons left for Singapore on April 16 and at that time, to all intents and purposes, she intended to remain for a few weeks away from Hongkong. For various reasons, however, she remained away until the end of the year.

In connexion with his business defendant had to make frequent visits to Canton and elsewhere and in this connexion made considerable reductions from his bill from time to time. About the middle of March certain complaints were made by the defendant out of which arose a counter claim. When difficulties arose the defendant wrote a letter to Mr. Simmons in which he set down the alternatives for the future of the household.

Later Mr. Simmons received a visit from Mrs. Brewer and a Mrs. Wheeler, when the plaintiff suggested that Mr. and Mrs. Brewer should take over the house. At that interview Mrs. Brewer said the only thing to do was to leave on June 30. Plaintiff agreed to that, not seeing Mr. Brewer at that time because he was sick.

Payment Not Made.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer left on June 30 without any further discussion. On July 5 Mr. Simmons rang up Mr. Brewer and asked for payment for board and lodging for June. He was told that the amount was going to be set off against a claim he had on Mr. Simmons. Mr. Simmons said that defendant had no claim and said he would refer the matter of payment for June to his solicitor.

Plaintiff's solicitor wrote the usual letter of demand on July 5 and a reply was received to that which, said Mr. Strellett, formed the subject matter of three libel actions. Mr. Strellett said that defendant, in a letter written in August, said his letter of July 7 was for the purpose of acquainting the other side with his defence. The letter of July 7 referred to a certain agreement, which turned out to be a letter written by the defendant's wife while the negotiations were in progress.

Dealing briefly with the defences as set out in the case, Mr. Strellett

said the first suggested that plaintiff should be non-suited on the ground that the real parties to the contract were not the plaintiff, but the plaintiff's wife and the defendant's wife, and that that agreement was supported by the fact that both Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Brewer happened to be possessed of separate estates and further that the contract was in respect of separate estates.

That defence, said Mr. Strellett, covered the defendant in the event of its being shown that most of the arrangements were made by his wife.

Other Defences.

The second defence was that the agreement arrived at on June 20 was confirmed on June 25. Mr. Strellett said it amounted to a set-off for board and lodging by reason of the claim made in the counter claim to the action.

The third defence was one of abatement in respect of breach of contract regarding the use of a car, that its use was withdrawn without discussion, and that this withdrawal resulted in damage to the defendant.

Mr. Strellett said it had been suggested on the other side that Mr. and Mrs. Simmons were permanently and not temporarily separated.

The defence supported that by saying that certain furniture in the house had been moved, that Mr. Simmons had invited lady friends to the house and that he had had people there for tennis.

In evidence, Mrs. Simmons said the arrangement was made between herself, Mr. Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Brewer in the course of a mutual conversation. The question of the use of the car was not discussed. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer took up residence on March 1, having the use of the largest bedroom, it having been agreed that they should pay \$375 per month. As a furnished house the premises had a number of shortcomings and Mr. Simmons paid for articles like linen, cutlery and crockery.

Visit to Singapore.

Mrs. Simmons said she had property of her own in Singapore and it was in connexion with it that she left Hongkong for Singapore on April 14 or 15 by the Mongolia. She expected to finish her business in two months, but did not in fact return to Hongkong until the end of the year.

There were two other bedrooms in the house which were not used and the upkeep of the house was about \$1,100 a month. At first they thought that \$375 would cover half the cost of the establishment, but it did not and she considered the possibility of letting the other two rooms. She did not authorise Mrs. Brewer to take in further boarders, however.

With regard to the amah, she objected to the additional sewing and witness suggested to Mrs. Brewer that she should pay \$4 a month per head extra.

In reply to Mr. Strellett, who said he was forced to put the question in view of what had been suggested by the other side, Mrs. Simmons said she had never been separated from her husband, and that when she went to Singapore she intended to return in two months. She had never done anything to suggest that she would not return.

Use of a Car.

In reply to further questions Mrs. Simmons said the car was placed at the disposal of Mr. and Mrs. Brewer to take them to the city in the morning, bring them back to the house at tiffin and again at night.

Mr. Brewer: When the Brewers first came to the house was it made clear that you hoped to get other boarders?—We hoped no.

Did you at any time ask Mrs. Brewer to help in securing other residents?—No. We thought of having a bachelor and not another married couple.

Did you ask Mrs. Brewer to see the secretary of the Helena May Institute with regard to getting someone?—No. Mrs. Brewer suggested that.

Did Mrs. Brewer tell you that she had done that?—No.

You never gave Mrs. Brewer authority to get other residents?—No.

Mrs. Brewer suggested that Mrs. Simmons might have gone to Singapore on the Malwa. Mrs. Simmons said she went on the Mongolia, Mr. Justice Wood commenting "I think you will find that right Mr. Brewer. I was booked on her."

Shopping Expeditions.

In reply to further questions Mrs. Simmons said that two dollars were deducted for each day Mr. Brewer was away from Hongkong.

Mr. Simmons gave corroborative evidence, saying that he withdrew the use of the car about June 14 as Mr. and Mrs. Brewer were abusing it. The consumption of gasoline had gone up and he was told by the chauffeur that the car had been used for shopping and visiting expeditions. Witness said he was surprised when payment for board for June was refused on the ground that the defendant had claims on him.

Mr. Strellett said he had a letter written by Mrs. Simmons to her husband but it was unusual to put such a document in. Permission

KOWLOON SCHOOLS.

THE CONVERSION OF PARK SIDE RESIDENCE.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, at a meeting held yesterday, approved supplementary expenditure amounting to \$85,820.

Item No. 6: Public Works, Extraordinary: Kowloon, Buildings, Conversion of Park Side for School purposes and furnishing \$9,000.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—In conversion of Park Side, I have looked through *Hansard* for last year and have been unable to discover any discussion in connexion with it in Finance Committee. I should be glad if the Chairman would be kind enough to say whether Park Side is required to supplement the present accommodation at the Central British School.

The Chairman.—It is nothing to do with the Central British School, if I remember correctly. It has to do with the school which occupied the military building at Gun Club Hill.

In the course of bigger military forces in the Colony, the military gave us notice to quit their school and we had to make other arrangements. What we did was to take Park Side, which was the former railway manager's residence, and convert it into a school for the Kowloon Junior School.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—I feel that in connexion with the question of Government Schools in Kowloon, we ought to have some settled policy in the provision of new schools. There are already two very large schools, one for girls and one for boys, and a third is already planned and will probably be commenced this year. It appears to me that the Government is lagging about 25 or 30 years behind the times in regard to school provision in Kowloon.

The Chairman.—I do not quite follow you. You say that two schools are already in existence?

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—Yes, established by religious societies, and a third one is about to begin, and yet the Government is satisfied with buildings 25 years old, which were presented as a gift by a private resident to the Government.

The Chairman.—What is the building given to the Government 25 years ago?

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—The Kowloon British School was a gift to the Government by Sir Robert Ho Tung. I should like to see a much more advanced policy adopted by the Government.

The Chairman.—What is the building given to the Government 25 years ago?

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—It was only just an expression of opinion on my part, that a tinkering policy is no good for Kowloon at the present time.

The Chairman.—I think you know, don't you, that other schemes are under consideration?

The vote was approved.

Item No. 14: Public Works, Extraordinary: New Kowloon, Communications, widening Castle Peak Road to 60 feet width and filling in areas at Cheung Sha Wan, \$30,000.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock.—Does this sum of \$30,000 complete the work of this section?

The Director of Public Works.—Yes.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—Has this to do with filling in the garbage dump at Yau Ma Tei?

The Director of Public Works.—No, it is a different site.

was given for an extract to be read from the letter indicating Mrs. Simmons' arrangement with regard to extra payment for the amah.

After questioning plaintiff, Mr. Brewer announced that he would withdraw his number one defence.

Mrs. D. M. Wheeler was called by the defence and stated that on June 25 she went with Mrs. Brewer to see the plaintiff. Mrs. Brewer asked if he had come to any arrangement and he replied that everything had been settled and Mr. and Mrs. Brewer would leave at the end of that month. Mr. Brewer was called to corroborate this evidence.

In evidence, Mr. Brewer stated that it was agreed that payment for June should not be made, in consideration of the fact that he had been used for shopping and visiting expeditions. Witness said he was surprised when payment for board for June was refused on the ground that the defendant had claims on him.

Mr. Strellett said he had a letter written by Mrs. Simmons to her husband but it was unusual to put such a document in. Permission

ROBBERY TRIAL.

THE CASTLE ROAD SENSATION.

The case opened before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistrate yesterday afternoon, of the prisoners arrested in connexion with the recent armed robbery at No. 10, Castle Road.

In the course of the proceedings it was stated that Mrs. Wong Lung-shi, an aged lady, who lived at the house, was in a state of collapse as the result of her experience, and had since died. Money and jewellery stolen from her amounted to no less than \$42,000 in value, of which only a fractional part had been recovered. The "swag" was known to the police to have been taken to Canton for disposal.

When the case opened yesterday, the first step by the prosecution was to withdraw the case, on account of the lack of evidence against two of the accused. They also applied for the discharge of a third man, named Fung Pun, in order to use him as King's witness.

An interesting off-shoot of the robbery case was then seen in the charging of Fung Pun with maliciously damaging a pair of handcuffs, the property of the Government.

Story of Escape.

Behind the fresh charge lies an interesting story, which has to do with the attempt which one of the other prisoners had made to escape from police custody. It will be recalled that one of the first arrests made by the police in connexion with the robbery was of a man named Ho San, which took place at Yau Ma Tei. While being taken through Woosung Street, the prisoner made a successful dash from the custody of a detective and vanished.

Acting on the very natural assumption that he would be endeavouring to escape into Chinese territory, the police entreated for Sumchun and intercepted the escaping man as he got out at the Station. They also arrested another man who was accompanying the first, and it was this prisoner, Fung Pun, who was now being charged before the Court with maliciously damaging Government property.

It appears that after his successful get-away, Ho San went to the house of his friend in a village near Ho Mun Tin, and begged Fung Pun to free him from his handcuffs. To accomplish this, Fung Pun had to use a heavy chisel and hammer, but finally Ho San was left unencumbered.

A New Pair.

Detective Inspector Shannon told the Magistrate yesterday that the handcuffs were a new pair which had been rendered useless by the damage wrought by Fung Pun. To replace them the Crown Agents would have to expend some \$25 of the public money, it was indicated.

His Worship decided to fine the culprit \$20, while ordering him to refund the cost of a new pair.

Failure to meet the amount would mean a sentence of five weeks' hard labour for the accused.

Fung Pun was then held back in Court for the purpose of his giving evidence as King's witness in the case against Ho San and four others on charges arising from the armed robbery.

In his opening, Detective Inspector Shannon said that on the afternoon of January 31, a party of armed men went to No. 10 Castle Road, which lies on Caine Road in a quarter inhabited by wealthy Chinese.

Well Planned Visit.

Apparently they had timed their coming for a suitable hour, and when they arrived the only inmates left in the house—a three-storyed building—were an old lady, Mrs. Wong Lung-shi, her 11-year-old granddaughter, and two amahs.

On obtaining admission into the building by means which would be later indicated in the course of the case, they first seized one of the amahs, and went into the second floor, where the old lady and her grandchild were. Strings and gags were then brought into play, and when they left, the gang took away with them "swag" estimated to amount to \$42,567.

Upon the departure of the robbers, an alarm was sent through to the Central Police Station, not far away. When the police arrived at the house, they found the front room in the second floor, which was that occupied by the old lady, in a considerable state of disarray. Boxes which had contained jewellery or money were found strewn about the floor. The old lady was in a state of collapse. She had since died.

Mr. Justice Wood reserved judgment, adjourning the hearing of a counter claim sine die.

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SUNDAY TO TUESDAY

STIFF SENTENCES.

AUSTRALIAN AGITATION RECALLED.

Melbourne, Feb. 28. The trial has concluded of five men charged in connexion with the bombing in a Greek club last December, during troubles arising from the resentment of the waterside workers at the employment of volunteer (largely non-British) labour. Fifteen persons were injured in the bombing.

Three of the prisoners, O'Connel, McIver and Delaney, were sentenced to fifteen years' hard labour each, the other two being acquitted.—Reuters.

It was found that a cook-amah employed at the house, a middle-aged woman named Wong Hol, was not above suspicion, and she was in the end detained. She now appears as the third defendant in the case.

The police also carried out a raid at Yau Ma Tei, where a woman gave information which led to the arrest of Ho San in Des Voeux Road West as he was hurrying to a shop known to the police.

The two other prisoners were subsequently found in brothels. On one of them the police recovered a pair of gold ear-rings and on the other, a finger-ring, both of which had been since identified as part of the property taken away.

The other articles and money had not been recovered, information which had reached the police indicated that these had been taken to Canton for disposal.

Detective-Inspector Shannon asked his Worship to take careful note of the open grill of the house, which had been specially photographed on account of its importance in relation to the case.

THE K.R.A. ANNUAL MEETING.

DEVELOPMENT OF WATER-FRONT IMPEDED.

COMMUNAL SERVICE.

Mr. E. Cock presided at the ninth annual general meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association, which was held at St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday evening. Mr. Cock stated that the railway company had appropriated half of the waterfront of the Peninsula and had over one and a half million square feet lying idle. "The fact," he said, "obtrudes itself that the railway stands in the way of the best development of Kowloon."

Mr. Tapu explained that Mr. Cock the Chairman had attended the funeral of the late Mr. H. P. White and would return to provide as early as possible. In the meantime, Mr. Tapu reminded those present that a garden party was being held at the Club de Recreo on March 6 in honour of the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso and the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, on their election to the Legislative Council as the Kowloon representatives. Mr. Tapu expressed the hope that every member would make a point of attending. Tickets could be purchased at the Kowloon C.C., the Kowloon F.C., the Y.M.C.A., or from Mr. Mahner.

Mr. Cock arrived a few minutes afterwards and the business of the meeting was commenced.

Chairman's Speech.

The chairman, in proposing the adoption of the annual report and statement of accounts, which have already been published, said:

In the past twelve months the committee has worked along the lines of its predecessors and we have endeavoured, by constitutional methods, to bring to the notice of controlling powers any matters which we think require redress or any suggestions which can be made for improvement.

Speaking generally, no action is taken by any individual member without the approval of the committee. Now, once a policy has been decided upon, and approval given of action, it would appear to be plain sailing, but a perusal of the correspondence regarding the cutting down of the trees in Nathan Road will show that it is, at times, very difficult to direct our enquiries straight to the concerned department since we may not be aware to which department we should write, and as in the case quoted, we arrive too late.

Star Ferry Approach.

Since 1924 we have made little progress in the matter of improving the Star Ferry approach, and from our experience regarding the trees, we were afraid that if we pursued the ordinary channels we might become involved in a fruitless correspondence with the Public Works Department and so we asked if we could be given particulars of the proposed layout before we went on to matters connected with it. The Director of Public Works kindly gave the sub-committee an interview and showed us Scheme K—presumably the eleventh. This is an excellent, though rather expensive layout, and we were at a loss to know why it included the cutting away of a considerable amount of ground on the north side of Salisbury Road when, on the face of it, it would be easier and cheaper to work on the south side. It came out that the land on the south side was under the control of the railway. So the railway authorities can say, apparently without any regard to public requirements or desires, that a roadway may be put up and a garage erected, and otherwise their land is inviolate.

Railway Co's Land.

Now, if this is so it is wrong. It is wrong because it causes unnecessary expense and it is wrong because it stops development along the obviously proper lines. The case is made worse when one considers that many more people use the Star Ferry approach than the railway. The fact obtrudes itself that the railway stands in the way of the best development of Kowloon. It appropriates quite one half of the waterfront of the toe of the Peninsula; it has over one and a half million square feet of valuable land lying idle; it practically prohibits access to the most southerly side and it has plots about three times as extensive as the public plots and which are scarcely used at all.

I can only touch lightly on the question in the time at my disposal. I have been told that the railway is where it is because some day it may be possible to get into the train at Kowloon and get off at Paris. This will be good if it doesn't come too late.

If it does come will it matter very much to the traveller whether he embarks at Kowloon Point or

developing roads and making more and more use of motor transport.

Vision of Future.

What a magnificent motor vehicle terminus the existing railway station would make, and what an excellent solution to the traffic problem we are considering, with a future for exceeding anything that the railway ever had. This in connexion with land travel. What of the air? Where will one land in an air liner—and how proceed to the city?

Surely Via Kowloon Point. Is it a bold prophecy that we shall be travelling to Paris by air long before we can do so by railway? Let us try to imagine the train some years hence. There will undoubtedly be railway traffic, motor car and air. The first needs a track, the motor vehicle a track of a cheaper nature and one which can be deviated easily, while the air track will be governed by weather conditions. It is likely that air will be the cheapest, it is already the quickest travel for passengers and light valuables. It is likely that the motor car, which has such a hold on the imagination, will hold its own for short trips and for feeding air routes and the railways will be left with the heavy long distance transport.

30 Years Ago.

The lay out of a railway and location of its termini is governed now by a different set of conditions from those which obtained thirty years ago. Up to thirty three years ago the motor car was limited to a walking pace and was led by a man with a red flag. Thirty years ago no man had flown in a heavier than air machine and scientists could almost prove by Analogy and otherwise that large aeroplanes, like the ostrich, would never fly. So the judgments of thirty years ago, pinning their faith on railways, were right in their time. But their time has passed and the sooner we see this and act upon it the better for us. I have strayed quite considerably from the "Parish Pump."

I read in some of the newspapers that the K.R.A. is not representative. This is no new thought. It has been given me both publicly and privately during my year of office. We are, we have always been, just a body of men each with our small stake in the Colony collected together of all nationalities living in Kowloon to forward what we think is for the public good, and I venture to say that even if we only represent ourselves we have a claim on public support.

Council Members Congratulated.

We have not sought to be in the councils of the Empire but we do wish Kowloon to be, and the retiring Presidents in 1924 and 1928 made reference to representatives for Kowloon. I must confess that I thought they were rather progressive at the time and I take the opportunity of congratulating them on their foresight and, I am now speaking on behalf of the K.R.A., I most heartily congratulate Hon. Mr. Braga and Hon. Dr. Tso on their being made members of the Legislative Council. For those of us who may form the new committee I have the authority to promise them every assistance in our power. Both are members of our Association, and while we hope to preserve our separate entity, we shall keep them fully informed of our activities.

Our full committee consists of eighteen members besides those holding office—our average attendance once a month during the year has been 70 per cent. If the year has not been so fruitful as we have wished we have aimed at the stars even if we have only hit the trees.

Evidence corroborating the prosecutor's outline was given. During the testimony of the first and second defendants before the Court that the children had been taken to the house, wept bitterly, but after being assured by the Magistrate that she had nothing to fear continued with her evidence.

When the children were taken to the house, said witness, the last two defendants said that they wanted them kept there for a short time. The boy was actually taken away two days later, while the girl was still on the floor when the Police arrived.

His Worship's sentence of twelve months' hard labour.

HARBOURING CASE.

FOUR CHINESE SENTENCED TO TWELVE MONTHS.

Two of four men who were originally arrested in connexion with an armed robbery committed at a matshed at Kowloon, Shatin, on December 9, last year, appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on charges of harbouring two children who were kidnapped during the outrage.

It will be recalled that at the last Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court, four men stood charged with complicity in the robbery. The jury found two of the men guilty and returned verdicts in favour of the others who were accordingly acquitted, the guilty men being sentenced to seven years' hard labour.

On the two discharged men leaving the Court they were arrested and yesterday produced at the Kowloon Magistracy on charges of harbouring. A man and his wife who occupied the first floor of No. 606, Shanghai Street, where one of the children was found, also appeared before his Worship on a charge in respect of the child which has been recovered.

All four defendants entered pleas of not guilty.

A Police Raid.

In detailing the facts of the case to his Worship, Detective Inspector Fallon said that an armed robbery was committed by five men at a matshed at Kowloon, Shatin, at 1 a.m. on December 9. During the robbery or after the outrage had been committed two children were kidnapped from the shed.

On December 15, a party of police raided the first floor of No. 606, Shanghai Street, where one of the children was recovered. None of the defendants was present on the floor but it would be proved that the husband and wife (first and second defendants) were the principal tenants. The couple's daughter would tell the Court that the children had been in the possession of her parents.

The third and fourth defendants were detained on February 19 after their discharge in other proceedings. The first and second defendants were not seen until February 7 when information was received by the Police that they were occupying a house at No. 609, Canton Road. A warrant was executed at this address and the female defendant was arrested. The husband was apprehended later on board a Dutch steamer where he was working.

Hurried Departure.

Evidence could be given to show that after the Police raid, the first and second defendants left No. 606, Shanghai Street, without even taking away the furniture which was sold by the land lord to pay for the rent. The couple later rented No. 609, Canton Road, but had no furniture of their own.

Referring to the charge against the third and fourth defendants, Detective Inspector Fallon said that the daughter of the first and second defendants would prove that the children had been taken to the floor by the last two men.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

The following orders have been issued by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant, H.K.V.D.C.

Friday, March 1. 1. Efficiency. All Officers Commanding Units will arrange to check their records with the Adjutant at an early date for the Training Year 1928-29.

2. Corps Rifle Meeting. Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters Range on 31st March and 1st April, 1929 (Easter Sunday and Easter Monday). Further details will be issued later.

3. Arms, Rifles and bayonets are to be kept at either Corps or Platoon Headquarters, all those who have not returned their rifles and bayonets will do so at once.

4. Musketry.

The Scottish Company will fire Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 3rd March, 1929. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9.30 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.30 a.m. Dress: Musketry Order i.e. belt, bayonet, braces and pouches. Uniform or mufli optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 1st March between 9 a.m. & 12 noon, 2 & 4 p.m., 5 & 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 2nd March, between 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

5. Corps Band.

The Band will parade for Band Practice in the Lecture Room at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th March. Those who require Musketry Instruction will parade again on Friday, 8th March at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters. Dress for both parades mufli.

6. Engineer Company.

The Company will take part in an Examination Service on 7th March together with H. M. Regular Forces. All ranks please keep this evening vacant. Full details will be issued later.

7. Mounted Infantry Company.

Thursday, 7th March. Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Tests: Mufli.

8. Armoured Car Company.

Motor Cycle Section. The Peak Range has been allotted to Motor Cycle Section on Sunday, 17th March for firing practice, commencing at 9.30 a.m. It is hoped that all ranks will do their utmost to attend. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. R. K. Valentine.

9. Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th March in mufli as horsemen for subsection Training. Those detailed from No. 3 Section will parade at 5.15 p.m. and proceed by Ford Truck to Kennedy Road Range to fire M.G. Part 1. Range Officer: Lieut. J. Norrie Owen.

10. Scotts Company.

Thursday, 7th March. Platoons will parade at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction, dress mufli, as follows:

No. 1 and 7 Platoons at Corps Headquarters.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock, Sunday, 3rd March. Musketry Table "T" for Training Season 1928-29 will be fired by the Company at Stonecutters Range Officer: 2/Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.

Attention is drawn to Corps Order No. 4.

11. Portuguese Company.

Friday, 8th March. The Company will be expected to parade as strong as possible.

Lewis Gun Sections at Headquarters for Lewis Gun Instruction.

Rifle Sections at Kennedy Road Range for firing practice.

Recruits at Miniature Range for Musketry.

Musketry, Part 1. The Company will fire Part 1. Musketry at Stonecutters on Sunday, 10th March, Rifle, Bayonet, belt and pouches must be taken.

Range Officer: Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.30 a.m.

It is hoped that as many as possible will be present.

12. Reserve Company.

Wednesday, 6th March. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufli.

13. Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1461 Pte. E. Hinsworth, Car Section from 21.2.29.

14. Appointments.

(A.) His Excellency The Governor has been pleased to appoint Company Sergeant-Major Alec Hutton-Potts, to be Second Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Infantry Corps, with effect from 22nd February, 1929, vide C.S.O. No. 205/1928.

(B.) No. 8 R.S.M. W. E. Edmonds is appointed Acting Corps Sergeant-Major as from 2nd March 1929, vice Corps Sergeant-Major H. Westlake on leave.

15. Promotion.

No. 1111 L/Sergt. C. E. M. Terry to be Sergeant and Acting Company Quartermaster Sergeant of Machine Gun Company, from 23rd February, 1929.

16. Command.

2/Lieut. R. D. Read will take over command of the Corps Signals from

BRITISH ART.

SUCCESSFUL ORGANISATION OF EXHIBITIONS.

London, Feb. 23. The report for the past year of the British Artists' Exhibition, founded by Sir Joseph Duveen with the object of giving possible purchasers of pictures at home and abroad an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the works of less known contemporary British artists, has been published.

About half a million people have visited the exhibitions in Britain, Italy, Yugoslavia, France, Belgium, Argentina and New York. From the point of view of sales the exhibition held on the liner *Borboerga*, both on the outward voyage to New York and on the return, and also for two days in New York, must, it is stated, be reckoned one of the most successful, nearly one third of the total exhibits being disposed of.

The report states—"In two years the British Artists' Exhibitions movement has developed from a piece of experimental machinery into an organization. The programme for 1929 is being arranged on the same lines, the principal exhibitions to be held at Liverpool and Glasgow, so far as Britain is concerned, while Stockholm in the autumn has been selected as the foreign capital where British art is to be shown."—British Wireless.

DEMAND FOR COAL.

A BOOM IN THE BRITISH INDUSTRY.

London, Feb. 28. Continental ice conditions have created several rush orders for coal, as a result of which over half a million tons were exported from South Wales last week. This exceeds considerably any corresponding week during the past four years.

The demand for Yorkshire coal is actually exceeding the supply. Many extra miners are being employed.—Reuter.

RAILWAYS ALERT.

SEEKING POWERS FOR AERIAL TRANSPORT.

London, Feb. 28. Lord Churchill, presiding at the annual meeting of the Great Western Railway Company, announced that the railway companies generally were seeking powers to participate in aerial transport, as they considered development in this mode of travel would become a great factor in rapid transportation.—British Wireless.

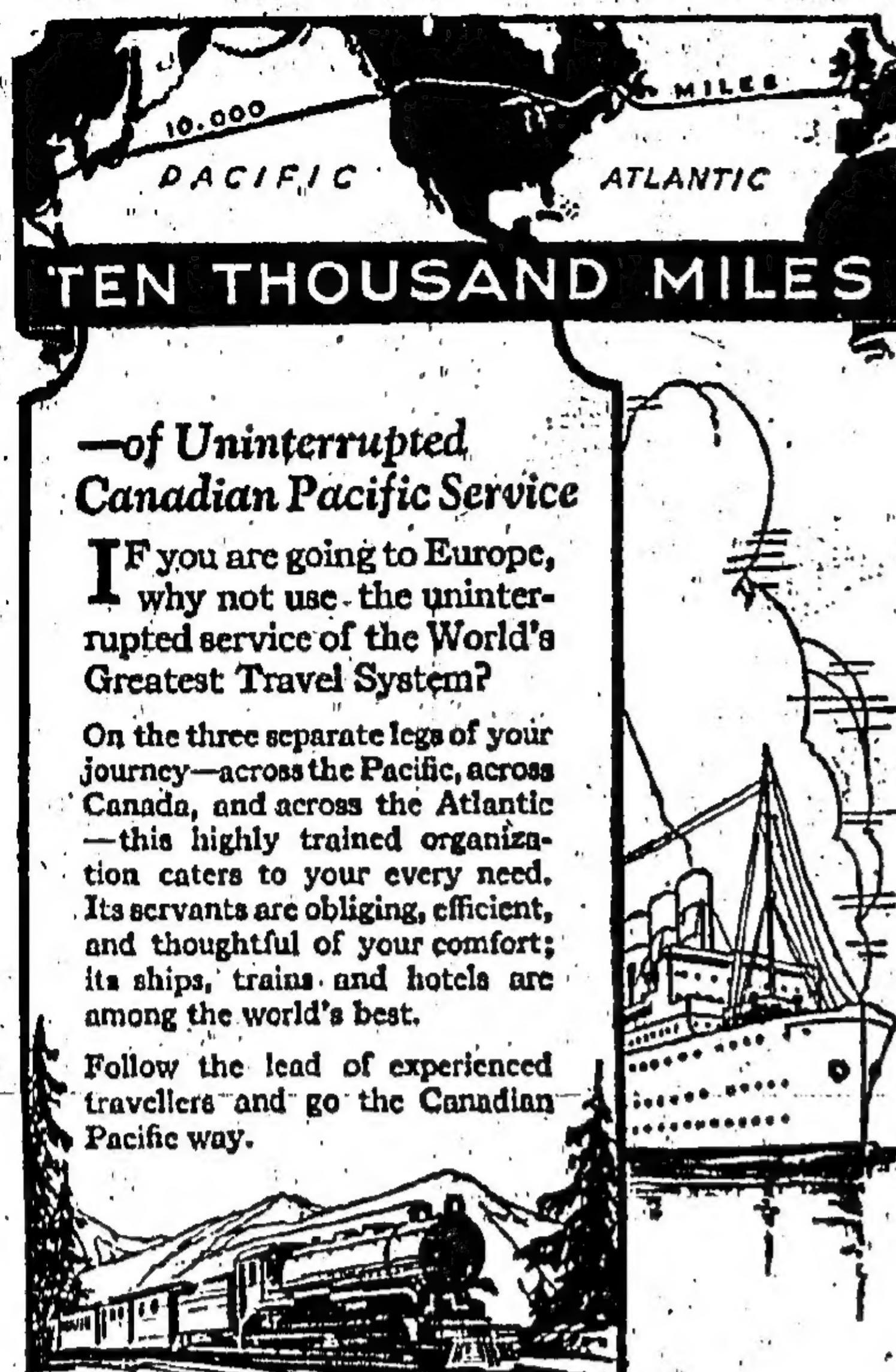
Captain M. G. Noll, as from 5th March, 1929.

17. Long Service Medal. His Excellency The Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces' Long Service Medal to No. 1252 Pte. R. J. Goodman, Scottish Company, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps on 22nd February, 1929.

18. Marksmen.

The undermentioned have qualified as Marksmen for Training Season 1928-29, and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:

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TOASTS PROPOSED.

**DEBATING CLUB FUNCTION
AT THE YMCA.**

A successful function held at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, some time ago was repeated yesterday when the Literary and Debating Club Committee held a toast night at which were present several directors of the institution, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, chairman of the Club presiding.

After dinner the chairman proposed the loyal toast and Mr. P. S. Cassidy responded "Our Colony," saying that it was not until after the new arrival had passed the Griffin stage that the beauties of Hongkong were appreciated. Mr. S. Cassidy went on to speak of the "discoveries" of the Colony by the members of the Rambling Club in their New Territory hikes.

Replying to the toast, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston commented on the progress of the Colony and said he thought there were greater possibilities of extension in Kowloon rather than on Hongkong Island. Those who prophesied were undoubtedly looking to the Kowloon side and the speaker instanced the recent building progress and the fact that the Peninsula was now represented by two members on the Legislative Council.

The Servicemen.

The toast to "Our Servicemen" was proposed by Mr. A. A. Dand who paid tribute to the work of the Navy, Army, Air Force and Merchant Marine, speaking of their services during the war and showing how they had assured British supremacy. They were the four finest service in the world consisting of men who always played the game.

Replying, Lt. Colonel Christian said the Services constituted a glorious brotherhood born as a result of the war. Servicemen owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Y.M.C.A. the world over and they were duly appreciative of the service which the Association rendered.

The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed in witty fashion by Mr. W. Robertson who spoke of the pleasure it gave members of the Association to entertain some of the Directors. The Very Rev. Alfred Swann replied and expressed thanks on behalf of the visitors for the hospitality accorded them.

Presentation to Chairman.

Mr. W. E. Price proposed "The Y.M.C.A." referring to the growth of the Association and the important work it had continued to do since its foundation.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., in reply, said he hoped the members would not forget that the Association stood for the benefit of others. He knew that the high standard always maintained by the Y.M.C.A. in Hongkong would continue to be upheld and that it would always uphold its essential Christian principles.

Mr. T. V. Harmon proposed a toast to the Chairman and spoke of Mr. Cassidy's public service in connexion with many local bodies, stating that in so far as the Literary and Debating Club was concerned he had presided at more debates than any other chairman. Mr. Harmon presented the chairman with a photograph of members of the committee of the Club as a token of their appreciation of his services.

Mr. Cassidy said it had been a pleasure to attend the Y.M.C.A. debates and to be chairman of the Committee. Extending thanks for the presentation he said it was a gesture very much appreciated.

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There was a very large and distinguished gathering at the funeral of the late Mr. H. P. White which took place yesterday evening, the remains being interred in the Protestant Cemetery.

From four o'clock a steady stream of coolies brought wreaths to the Monument, where these tokens were spread out covering a large area.

Among those who were present at the funeral were His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., Hon. Sir Shou Chow, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Henry Gollan, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. W. A. Dowley, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. A. L. Shields, the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. V. M. Grayburn, Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton, Mr. M. F. Key, Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. K. M. Dyer, Mr. E. L. Hosie, Mr. W. G. Pirie, Mr. L. Dunbar, Mr. F. C. Jenkins, Mr. R. Hancock, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. Chan Tin-slon, Mr. F. C. Potts, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, Capt. R. H. Douglas, Dr. Aubrey, Mr. W. A. Cornell, Mr. D. J. Lewis, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Col. T. A. Robertson, Mr. A. H. Abbas, Mr. Chan Wing-kun (compradore of Messrs. Douglas Lapraik and Co.), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Mr. D. H. Cameron, Mr. F. Sutton, Mr. Eldon Potter, Mr. H. R. Phelps, Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson, Mr. E. B. Reed, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. H. Birkett, Mr. H. H. Priestley, Mr. H. A. Rodgers, Mr. W. L. Patten, Mr. W. Hill, Mr. V. M. Haimovitch, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. Harry Humphreys, Mr. C. A. Peel, Mr. F. S. Harrison, Mr. W. Logan, Mr. G. G. Wood, Mr. T. G. Weal, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, and Mr. Ho Kwon.

There was also a large gathering of military officers, including H. E. Major General C. C. Luard, Lt. Col. Comyn, and a number of others.

Floral Tributes.

Wreaths were sent by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Southern, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Sir Newton and Lady Stabb, and Mr. H. W. Looker, M.P. There were also a number of other wreaths, including those from Mr. A. H. White, Yvonne, and Mr. H. P. White's house servants.

The following firms also sent wreaths:—Messrs. the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., Benjamin and Potts, Hughes and Hough, Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Moxon and Taylor, China Light and Power Co., Ltd., Bank Line Ltd., Williamson and Co., Shawan Tomes and Co., the Marconi International Marine Communication Co., Gibb's Livington and Co., Linstead and Davies, Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Canton Insurance Office Limited, Jardine Matheson and Co., Indo-China S. N. Co., A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., Dentons, T. E. Griffith Ltd., Leigh and Orange, Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited, Hong-

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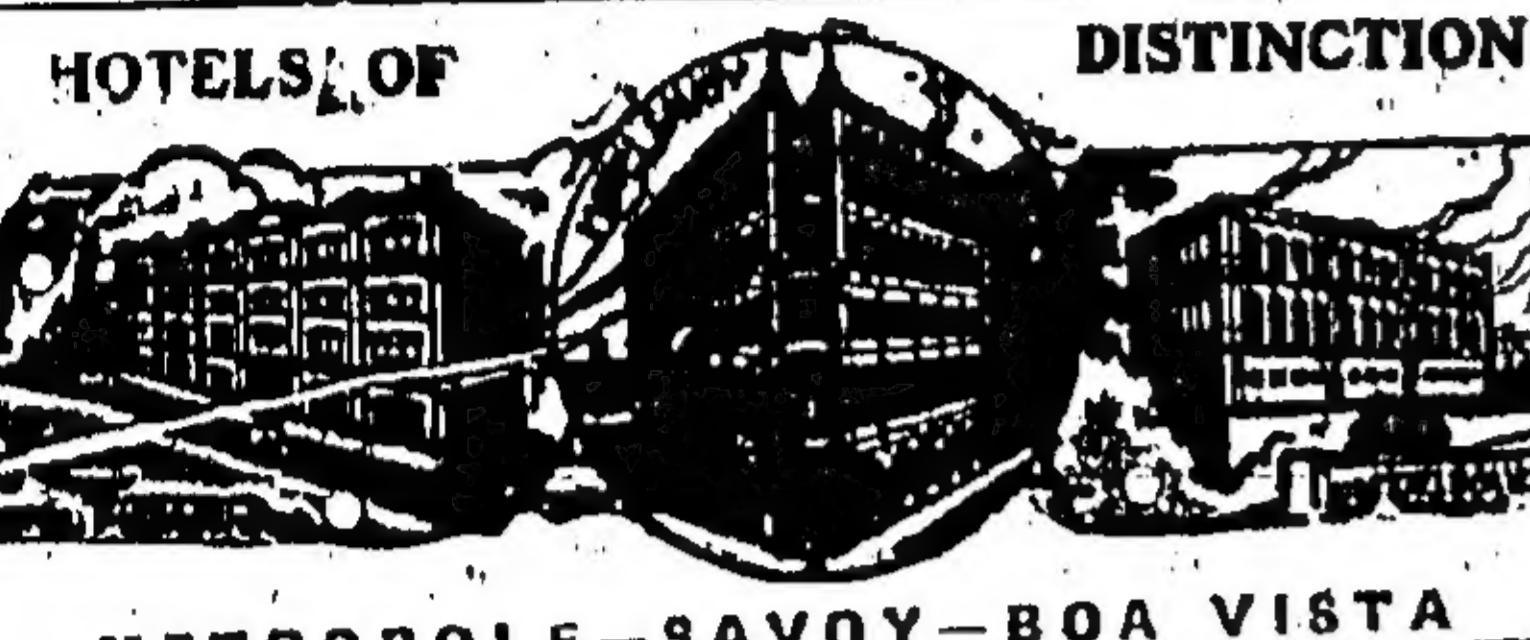
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ADMIRAL SIR R. WEBB.

A VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT.

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INDIA'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

BUDGET INTRODUCED BY NEW FINANCE MINISTER.

NEW TAX ON PETROL.

Now Delhi, Feb. 28.
The Indian Government's Budget for the coming financial year shows that there will be a surplus of 30 lakhs on the estimate for 1928.

Sir George Schuster, who today introduced the Budget in the Legislative Assembly, stated that he had budgeted for a deficit of 90 lakhs next year the difference being mainly due to a fortuitous factor, namely, the unequal distribution of the salt revenue between the last two budgetary periods.

The only new taxation recommended by the Finance Minister is an increase of motor-spirit dues from 6 annas to 6 annas per gallon. The proceeds of this additional taxation will be devoted to the Road Development Fund.

Army expenditure remains the same. Eighteen crores of rupees will be required for various purposes, said Sir George Schuster, who added that the Government would borrow as far as possible in India before raising a sterling loan.

He condemned any idea of altering the value of the 1/6d. rupee, concluding that it was his firm conviction that India's financial position was fundamentally sound.—*British Wireless*.

NANKING AVOIDS DANGER.

HO CHIEN AS CHAIRMAN OF HUNAN GOVERNMENT.

Hankow, Feb. 28.

The anti-Communist activities of the Political Council have started afresh in the Wuhan area, and nine men arrested and alleged to have been guilty of Communist propaganda were executed to-day.

Further executions are expected later.

It is reported that General Ho Chien arrived at Changsha yesterday to take up the office of Chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government and this is taken to signify that the Nanking Government has approved of the deposition of General Lu Ti-ping.

Possibilities of an extension of the trouble have, therefore, been averted for the present.—*Reuter*.

POLICE ACTION CRITICISED.

LAWYER PROTESTS AGAINST ARREST.

Sub-Inspector Field, of the Hawkers Department, at the Central Police Court this morning, withdrew the case against a Chinese who was charged under the Hawkers Ordinance.

No explanation accompanied the application for withdrawal, and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, appearing for the defence, commented:—"The defendant is employed in a very substantial firm, and it makes one wonder what the motive was to seize this man from behind the counter and take him to the Police station."

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Brooks said he was instructed to make the protest. The defendant was employed in the Hung Hing firm, Queen's Road Central.

HIDDEN DYNAMITE.

FISHING BOAT MASTER FINED.

Pleading guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of 22 sticks of dynamite, 24 detonators and 12 pieces of fuse, the master of a fishing boat was fined \$25, with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour, by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Two of the master's foals were also charged, but, on the first defendant taking full responsibility, they were cautioned.

It was stated that when Sergeant Went carried out a search, the dynamite was found hidden.

BIG U.S. EXPLOSION.

EIGHT KILLED AND FIFTEEN INJURED.

New York, Feb. 28.
It is learned from Atlanta, Georgia, that eight persons have been killed and fifteen injured in the explosion of a compressed air tank at Stone Mountain, where the huge Confederate Civil War Memorial is being carved.—*Reuter*.

TRAMWAY MEETING.

(Continued from Page 1.)

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Mr. Beith then went on to refer to new tramway undertakings at Home and proceeded:

"To those who honestly think that the doom of the tramway is imminent let me commend fresh perusal of Mr. Bernard's speech in this room at the Annual General Meeting in 1926. What he told you then regarding the unquestionable superiority of tramways over motor buses for mass transportation in large towns, is just as true and unassassable to-day and I do not propose to labour this."

He later added:—"One point in connexion with the Hongkong situation which should be borne in mind is that for the first eight years of this Company's existence no dividend was earned, but the Company—confident of Hongkong's future development—was undaunted and carried steadily on. Whether this would have been the case had your Board of, say, 20 years ago, suspected that after building up a thriving business and after 24 years of operation they were to be attacked on the most remunerative section of their system, is doubtful. At any rate there would have been incorporated in the Ordinance a clause which would have afforded them some measure of protection just as Clause 27 of the Tramway Ordinance affords the Government and the Public protection and redress in the event of inefficient or insufficient service by the Company."

Kowloon Service.

Although I am dealing with the year 1928 shareholders will be glad to know that the Company has obtained—at reasonable cost—a footing in Kowloon by the purchase of the Kai Tack Motor Bus Co., which we commenced to operate—with the approval of the Government—as from January 1st this year. Thus we have had exactly two months experience of working this small undertaking and shareholders will be pleased to hear that, so far, the expenses have been less and the receipts have been greater than we estimated.

The fleet comprises 18 vehicles—fortunately all of one make, and a very good make—but this number will be increased very shortly, indeed four new chassis for our Kai Tack service are due to arrive here from England to-day and we have been authorised by the police, as soon as these new buses are available, to extend our present service in Kowloon by operating on Route No. 9 which is during rush hours along Nathan Road between Star Ferry and Mong Kok Police Station. Hitherto the activities of the Kai Tack Motor Bus Co. have been confined to routes which did not include any part of Nathan Road.

Hotel Co. Competition.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson, who seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, dealt with the question of road maintenance and proceeded to say:—"I do think that in view of the royalty this Tramway Company pays annually to the Government and the further large contribution it indirectly makes in relieving the Colony of considerable road surface expenditure, it should have been considered and consulted before any other Company, when the desirability of motor buses along Queen's Road became apparent to the Government. The argument that the competition which we see to-day between the Hotel Co. and the Tramway Company is fair competition is not tenable.

To be absolutely fair it seems to me the Tramway Co. should be allowed a considerable reduction in the terms of their street surface maintenance, and in the sense of equality it appears only right that in the matter of payment of royalty the bus companies and the trams should be brought more into line."

It has been difficult for me to understand why the Hongkong Hotels, Ltd., should have obtained the Queen's Road franchise, and I am glad to have your assurance, Sir, that the Tramway Co. is in no way to blame. It is only reasonable that the Hotel Co. for their patrons at Repulse Bay, should arrange transport to and from town or between their two hotels! Tramway Co.

CHINA AND LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

POSSIBILITY MOOTED OF WITHDRAWAL.

SURPRISE TO GENEVA.

Geneva, Feb. 23.

Much surprise is expressed at the League's Secretariat at the news from Nanking to the effect that Mr. Sun Fo, the Nationalist Minister of Railways has proposed China's withdrawal from the League of Nations.

A message from Nanking indicates that the proposal has not been put forward definitely but says that it is a practical certainty that the Kuomintang Congress will vote in favour of withdrawal if the suggestion is put forward.

It is stated here that no indication of any such intention on the part of the Nationalist Government of China has been received at Geneva either by the League Secretariat, or the Chinese delegates.

It is pointed out that M. Avenol, the Deputy-Secretary of the League, is now touring China and that his tour is proceeding normally. He has been widely entertained both by Chinese and foreigners in the course of the trip.—*Reuter*.

SUPPRESSING CHEFOO REVOLT.

CHIANG SENDING MEN AS WELL AS SUPPLIES.

Nanking, Feb. 23.

In addition to the despatch of a large quantity of ammunition and financial assistance to General Liu Chien-men, the officer defending Nationalist interests in Eastern Shantung, it is announced that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is arranging to reinforce the Nationalist troops in the Chefoo district.

Naval wireless messages received to-day from Chefoo state that since General Liu repelled the enemy on February 23, the general situation has remained unchanged.

General Liu is reported to be consolidating his position and moving further supplies to the front, which is some thirteen to fifteen miles west of Chefoo.

The General is said to be awaiting orders from Nanking and appears to be confident that he can hold his position.

RAID IN TIENSIN CONCESSION.

GENERAL ARRESTED AND LATER EXECUTED.

Tientsin, Mar. 1.

General Chiang Hung-fun, an alleged supporter of General Chang Chung-chang, the Shantung leader, was arrested yesterday in the course of a raid in the foreign concession area at Tientsin. Five other officers were also taken into custody.

General Chiang is alleged to have been plotting on behalf of Chang Chung-chang in Tientsin. After a trial, he was found guilty and executed.—*Nan Chung Po*.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

To-day's Observatory report states that a fresh anticyclone has formed over North China and a depression lies over N.E. Japan. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-East winds, moderate, fine to cloudy.

on the Island, but I can see no more justification in the Hotel Co. operating buses in open and deliberate competition with the Tramway Company (and more especially along a parallel route) than in the Tramway Co. building an Hotel and competing with the Hotel Co.

Appropriate Spheres.

We are a small and perhaps unimportant community, gentlemen, but while we are here let us confine our energies to our appropriate spheres of activity. As far as I am able to judge, the Tramway Co. is operating and always has operated its transportation admirably just as the Hotel Co. has run its hotels admirably, and I suggest that these two companies and the Government get their heads together without delay to see if the matter cannot be straightened out as *prima facie*, a distinct injustice appears to have been done to the Tramway Co.

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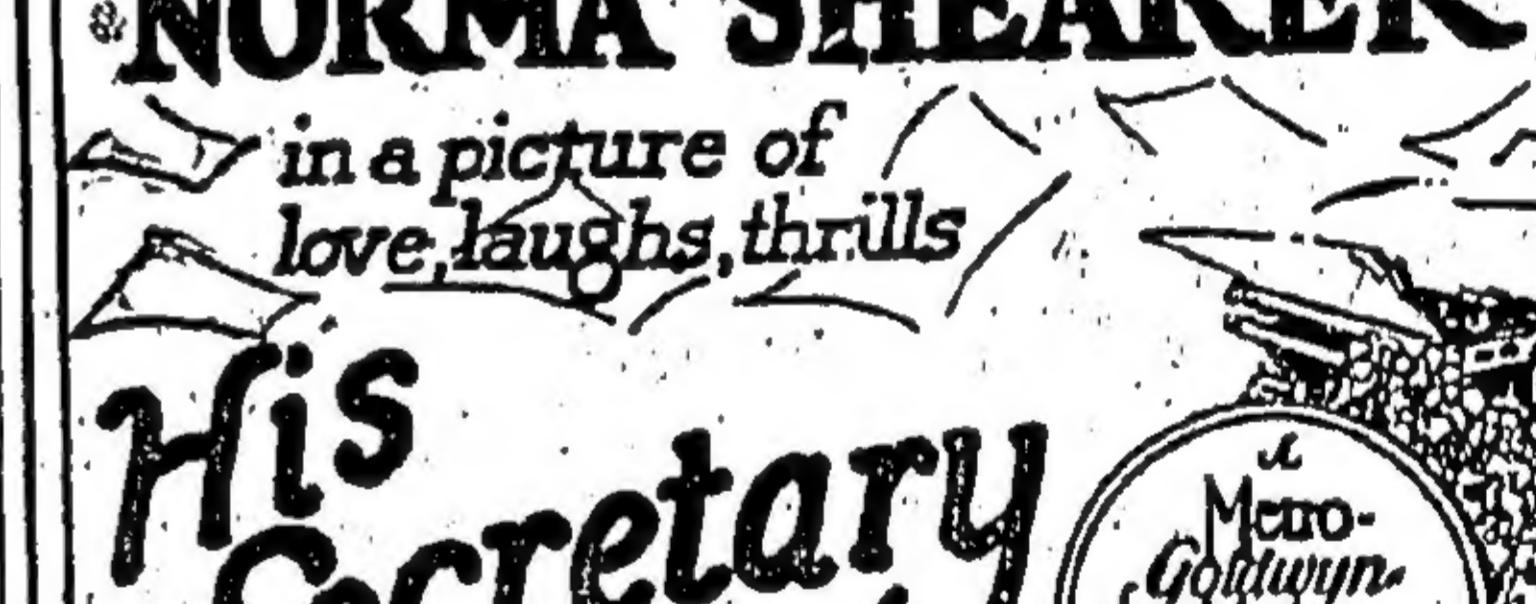
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